

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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The Lake County Marines celebrated the 246th USMC Birthday on 10 November. General Lejeune's Order was read and the cake was cut by Commandant Mampe. First piece of cake went to Al Gort, the oldest Marine present!



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The Womacks and Ellingsens attended the McHenry County Det. MCL 246th USMC Birthday Ball. Col Jim Homan was the guest speaker. He is an active member of our Eagle Scout Presentation team and detachment member.

Our Young Marines posted Colors and our Color Guard fired a three volley rifle salute on Veterans Day at Lindenhurst.



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Our next meeting is scheduled for

21 December (Tuesday)

1900 (fellowship at 1830)

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was  
not you! Did you send us a picture?



Who is this Mystery Marine?

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Hey Marines, here we are after another month has passed and as we get ready for the holidays, I hope this issue of the Jarhead Journal finds everyone healthy and safe. This November found me in a new position as keynote speaker at the Round Lake Park 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee held at the American Legion Post 1170. To say the least, this was a new experience for me (a formal speech). My speech follows. Yeah, it's about me and my family. Enjoy!

Ed Mampe Commandant Det. #801

Semper Fi

“Good afternoon, I’m Ed Mampe, Commandant of Marine Corp League 801 of Lake County. I was raised in Round Lake Park from February of 1949 until December of 1979. While living in Round Lake Park, I enjoyed playing little league baseball, swimming in the lake, and riding our bikes around the small town. My high school years at Round Lake Senior High School are filled with memories of American Legion dances, Panther football games, and Panther baseball games. I graduated from Round Lake High School in the spring of 1963.

Following in the footsteps of my father and future father-in-law, I committed myself to serving our country. On September 12, 1963, I took the oath to serve and protect our country as I began Marine Corp boot camp at MCRD in San Diego, California. On my 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, I landed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division in Viet Nam. After 13 months of fighting in the Viet Nam War as a Sergeant E5, I returned to the United States and finished my active duty service at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

In 1967, I returned to Round Lake Park. Soon afterwards in June of 1968, I married my high school sweetheart, Carol Mampe who graduated from Round Lake High School in 1965. We settled in Round Lake Park and had 2 children. I worked at Abbott and American Hospital as a Stationary Engineer. My wife returned to Round Lake High School in 1979 and worked with the district for 16 years. Our children enjoyed softball, baseball, and scouts in the Round Lake Area.



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Later, our son served on the Round Lake Area Fire Department, served in the Marine Corp, and is an active member of the Marine Corp League too. Our daughter is a teacher and coach at Grant Community High School. The activities of our children and grandchildren, find us attending sporting, scouting, and music events around the area.

After retiring in December of 2010 and returning to Round Lake Park, I wanted to keep active in our community and to maintain the camaraderie I knew in the Marine Corp. Fellow veterans encouraged me to become involved in the Marine Corp League 801 of Lake County. Over the last 11 years, I have been an Adjutant, the Paymaster, and the Commandant. More importantly, the league allowed me opportunities to serve our Lake County communities by collecting for Toys for Tots, presenting at Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honors, and participating in Color Guard for parades and community ceremonies, such as, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. While serving our community and our country is an innate part of being a Marine, a vital part of the League's duties continue to serve our fellow veterans. We regularly visit vets at the Lovell VA Hospital in North Chicago, greet vets when they return from Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight, and lay to rest fallen vets with an Honor Guard and rifle volley.

Semper Fidelis is a Latin phrase that means "Always Faithful." The motto has been a guiding principle and the foundation on which every Marine is made. Marines have always and will always stay true to that foundation through our actions; faithful to our Country, faithful to our communities, and faithful to our Corp.

On this day and every day, "Semper Fi, Marines, Semper Fi."

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Fellow Marines,

It is with great pleasure and honor, that I come to you once again!

November 2021 gave us the opportunity to celebrate our Corp's 246<sup>th</sup>. birthday. As always, it was a blessing to get together with my marine brothers and sisters at our birthday party! The fellowship, conversations, food and drinks were all memorable.

I want to take a step back and give a belated congratulation to Nada Sydow for being awarded "Marine of the year" for 2021. Congratulations and well done!

We also honored and remembered our veterans. Thanked them and their family for their sacrifice in service to our country. It was an honor and privilege to be in their presence.

In addition to thanking our veterans and their families for their service, we took time, corporately as nation, and as families to thank our heavenly Father for the love and blessings showered on us during the year! Thanksgiving Day is a great time to acknowledge His blessings as families, but always remember that His blessings are most often given to us as individuals, lets remember to thank Him in the same way.

Speaking of "Thanksgiving" I pray that you and your family had a happy and fun time celebrating our Lord's bounty and blessings!

Now with full stomachs and happy thoughts, we look forward to celebrating the most important birthdate of all times. As Christmas approaches and we prepare, let's not get lost in the superficial trappings and commercialism of the time, that we forget the reason for the season.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

It's a time of love and sharing, not just receiving,

It's also a time when we may feel more keenly that loss of a loved one, the sad touch of loneliness, even as others celebrate around us. There may exist a greater sense of want and need. The Lord knows how you feel, go to Him in prayer, and He will comfort you.

We always need prayers, but there are times when circumstances require the prayers of our brothers and sisters as well!

To that end, please pray for Tom Smolich who is in special need of your prayers. Also pray for your chaplain who needs the special power of your prayers!

Remember, His love knows no limits. His mercy and grace are free to anyone who accepts them.

SEMPER FI.

Hank Landrau

Chaplain, Det. 801

Editor's Note:

Also, we need to pray for Chaplain Hank Landrau.

## **Message from the Sr. Vice Commandant**

**Oorah to the Best Damn Detachment #801!**

We have been collecting for Toys for Tots these past two Saturdays; once at Hawthorn and once at Gurnee Mills. Hopefully, we will be able to do a much better job this Saturday (12/4) and next Saturday (12/11) starting at 1100 until 1600 opposite Door "A" which is between Bass Pro Shop and Value City Furniture.

Thank you to all those members who have volunteered their time helping us to collect. You've done a great job shaking our T4T can, while our shoppers have been a bit slow to donate for the Tots. We will need more members to man the four tables we're setting up next Saturday and the next to be able to face shoppers moving in all directions.

Please remember that you can donate to the Toys for Tots program by following this link. Please be sure and indicate your donation is for Toys for Tots.

<https://lakecountymarines.com>



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## CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Here's Chuck Butrim. Greg Cummings, Nada Sydow, Mary Carmody and Don Bahe.

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. [Click here for their website.](#)

Greg Cummings



**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Welcome to our new detachment member Allan Perez. He joined the Corps in 1997 via San Diego. Was discharged E-3 with an MOS 1833 (AAV crew member) after three years of service. He spent time at Del Mar, Camp Pendleton and Camp Lejeune.

Allen lives in Gurnee with his wife and children. He is employed as a pipe fitter.





## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



Your Color Guard has been extremely busy during the Veterans Day week.

### **11/11--**

After the wonderful Birthday party at the Tiki and closing the Duck (1:30am), we assembled at 8:30am to Present Colors at Victory Lakes in Lindenhurst. Ron Engle- Ed Mampe- Charles Walgreen -Al Seyler

### **11/11--**

Lindenhurst War Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony- 11:00am. Rain moved the Event inside their large maintenance building. Of course, the Color Guard got to stand outside to fire the Volley. Great sounding Volley. Bang! Bang! Bang! All together –sounded GREAT. Ron Engle-Ed Mampe-Charles Walgreen- Mel Ellingsen-Walter Roth-Al Seyler

### **11/11--**

Off to Vernon Hills to Brookdale at 2:00pm, were member Warren and Betsy Blacklock reside to present Colors for their 1<sup>st</sup> Veterans Day program. Yes- They did have dancing girls. It was a fun program. Ron Engle-Ed Mampe-Charles Walgreen-Al Seyler

### **11/13--**

Lake Count Beauty Pageant at College of Lake County Auditorium at 1:00pm. The afternoon session was the younger girls. They each brought a Toy for Toys for Tots and when introduced, they placed it in the box on stage with our Color Guards help. We then escorted the young ladies in their evening gowns on stage. Ron Engle-Charles Walgreen-Walter Roth-Al Seyler



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **11/13--**

Pageant running late, we rushed over to the American Legion in Round Lake arriving at 3:10pm for our 3:00pm Presentation of Colors. Long skinny aisle with posts and then a Counter March- What a treat!! Good thing most of them had never seen a Counter March and thought we were good. Good to see the friendly faces of Ed and Carol Mampe, Al Blut and Charlotte, Ed Mrozinski and John Jezioro. Ron Engle-Charles Walgreen-Walter Roth-Al Seyler

### **11/13--**

Back to the Beauty Pageant for the Evening session. They bought us Pizza and salad. Now it's the older girls and crowning of Miss Lake County 2022. We Presented Colors while the reigning Miss Lake County 2021 sang the National Anthem. Again, we collected Toys from the 21 contestants and later escorted the ladies in their Evening gowns. After the winners and Awards were presented, I was called up on stage and Det.801 was thanked for our help and support of the Pageant thru the years. They then presented us with a check for \$142.00. This was half of the money they collect from the 50-50 raffle. Charles Walgreen won the evening raffle and donated to the detachment. Ron Engle-Charles Walgreen-Walter Roth-Al Seyler

### **11/12--**

Veterans Appreciation Night at the Blackhawks game at the United Center. Not a Color Guard Event, but our contact for the Wrigley field Cubs games, (we have presented Colors there 7 times) invited us and the whole Detachment to attend. You got the E-Mails.

Only Charles Walgreen, with his daughter Ruth, and I attended. It was 1<sup>st</sup> Class!! Each person received 2 tickets and free parking. The seats were in the 8<sup>th</sup> row and you could really hear the crash into the boards!!

We all went out on the ice during the 1<sup>st</sup> intermission and received a tremendous applause and pictures up on the Big Screen. You could not walk 2 feet without someone shaking your hand and thanking you for your Service. Could have had dozens of free beers but we were good.



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



This has been a longer report than usual because of the large amount of activity. For the next 4 months we have our lowest activity of the year. We typically use that time to retrain our Color Guard on the basics of Drill, manual of Arms etc. It is the best time to join the Team and brush up on the routines.

This will be my last report as Commander of the Color/Honor Guard. For the future, any requests for Events should be directed to Commandant Ed Mampe until such time as a new Commander is appointed.

It has been an Honor to Lead the Color Guard. It is the most visible part of Det. 801 that the Communities see. It pays off for us when we are standing there, bucket in hand begging for donations, that the people remember us from the Parade, Pageant, Funeral, Presentation of Colors or other Events.

I will still be a Member of the Color Guard and assist the new Commander. I thank all of you for your help in making our Color Guard a unit in which to be proud.

Al Seyler  
Past Color Guard Commander





## EAGLE SCOUTS



There were two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor during November. Since 1 September we have presented to 16 Eagle Scouts. A third presentation has to be re-scheduled to to Covid-19. We expect to present seven Ka-Bars during December. Three are scheduled for January.

Mel Ellingsen, Eagle Scout Chair

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and

then

“SMED”

said ....

With apologies to Emmylou Harris and Buck Owens, (Together Again):

Together again, the rain clouds are gone.

You're back in my hands, right where you belong.  
The love that we knew is living again,  
and nothing else matters, we're together again.

Together again, my tears have stopped falling,  
The long empty roads are now again calling.  
The key to my heart, you hold with your sound,  
And nothing else matters as we cover new ground.

Together again, the mileage is mounting.  
The new roads are listed, the total we're counting.  
The wind in my ears, plays like an old song.  
And nothing else matters, as we roll along.

Once again, hello to all my Detachment Brothers and Sisters. Glad to see you once again. Back in May of 2020, I told you of an impending divorce between “Miss Ruby” and me. It was a sad, sad time as my family wished for the “romance” to end. Miss Ruby, of course, was my YR-2000 ElectraGlide motorcycle and I was being pressured to put her up for sale. Grab a cup of “joe” and a seat, and I will bring you up to date.

After listening to a number of disgusting and insulting offers involving only a couple of thousand dollars for my twenty one year old Harley-Davidson “heart-throb”, I decided “to Hell with it, I would keep her!” The family isn't happy, of course, but it is what it is. A true love affair is very difficult to walk away from!

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The last week of October (before the weather went south) I decided to ship Miss Ruby to our new home in Florida. After checking out shipping methods and costs, I thought, “Wait a minute, she has only been in a trailer once, and that was to bring her home from the dealer in Louisville. (Up until that time, I had never ridden a ‘scoot’ larger than 165 c.c.) Beside the fact, trailers are for hauling ladders, and livestock, and other stuff, not Miss Ruby. She and I will ride together again.”

Four days, fourteen hundred miles, one tire, one battery, two spark plugs and an air filter later, we arrived in Land O Lakes, Florida. With later dawns, earlier sunsets and busy roads, we did not push the mileage, only covered three to four hundred miles per day. The autumn colors in Mississippi and Alabama were spectacular. The cotton fields in Missouri were being picked and the birds in Arkansas were still migrating. It was a beautiful ride. I was even “buzzed” by a crop-dusting airplane. There is some very beautiful scenery between southern Illinois and mid-Florida. We do live in one beautiful country!

As Hunter S. Thompson was reportedly to have said:

“Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming “Wow! What a ride!”

Well, Miss Ruby and I did not “skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke,” but we were “thoroughly used up, and totally worn out.”

Best of all, we are looking forward to discovering new roads together again.

Hope you and yours had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

See you again next month?

Stay safe, stay well!

Life is wonderful! Get out and enjoy it!

**Smed**



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This request is worth repeating one more time!

A frequent attendee at our meetings and gatherings was Dianne Mann, Tom Mann’s daughter. Dianne moved to the Rockford area to live with her sister when Tommy reported to his final duty station in March 2020. How about each of us mail Dianne a Christmas Card later this December? Be sure and let her know you’re with the Lake County Marines Detachment 801. Here is picture of Dianne from a meeting a few years ago and her address. We’re sure getting 30 or 40 Christmas Cards would make her day!!

Miss. Dianne Mann  
% Laura R. Patterson  
3880 Cutty Sark Road  
Cherry Valley, Il. 61016



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There were no requests for monetary support during November.

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Charles Walgreen  
Joe Wallace

Every Members of Det. 801 is a Members of the Foundation.

We look forward to serving the Detachment, "the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation".

Al Seyler  
President

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