

# the Jarhead journal

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Steven from Steven's was presented with a special plaque saying we meet at Steven's for the front door area.



Al Seyler was presented with a special plaque acknowledging he's a Man of Many Talents!

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**Our next meeting is scheduled for**  
**17 (Tuesday)**  
**Start Time 1830**  
**Steven's Restaurant**

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was**  
**John Favelli**



**Where Stuff Is**

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**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

## Commandant's Comments

Well, MARINES here we are another month gone and the weather still doesn't know what it wants to do. One day short sleeve shirts and the next day overcoats.

If you noticed that the NEW START TIME for OUR BUSINESS MEETING is 1830.

We are planning for our Memorial Picnic celebration for July 23rd, please call Walter Roth if you would like to VOLUNTEER to help to make this the BEST Memorial Day, we have ever had. I will Thank You in Advan

To Err is Human, To Forgive Divine

However, Neither is Marine Corps Policy

Chosen Frozen

An Air Force C-130 was scheduled to leave Thule Air Base, Greenland at midnight. During the pilot's preflight check he discovered that the latrine holding tank was still full from the last flight, so a message was sent to the base and a Marine PFC who was there on an exchange tour and was off duty was called to take care of it.

The young man finally got to the air base and made his way to the aircraft, only to find that the latrine pump truck had been left outdoors and was frozen solid-so he had to find another one in the hanger, which took even more time. He returned to the aircraft and was less than enthusiastic about what he had to do, but nevertheless went about the pumping job deliberately and carefully.

As he was leaving the plane the pilot stopped him and said, son your attitude and performance has caused this flight to be late, and I'm going to personally see to it that you are not just reprimanded but punished.

Shivering in the cold, his task finished, the PFC took a deep breath, stood up tall and said, "Sir, with all due respect, I'm not your son. I'm a United States Marine. I've been in Greenland for eleven months without any leave, and reindeer are beginning to look pretty good to me. I only have one stripe. It's two-thirty in the morning, the temperature is forty degrees below zero, and my job is to pump shit out of your aircraft. Now just exactly what form of 'punishment' did you have in mind?" Enjoy Ed Mampe Commandant. 847-641-9689

## Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Marines, as always, it's a pleasure and an honor to converse with you, and I thank our Lord and Savior for the opportunity.

I hope and pray that the month of April was as memorable for you as it was for me. I was fortunate enough to celebrate another year of life this side of eternity. I thank my Lord for all the good things He's given me so far as well as all the wonderful things yet to come!

As the weather improves, and we get busier and busier, do not disregard your health and safety, or that of others. Health is a God given gift which should be jealously protected and cherished! As we get older, our bodies are not as resilient as in our youth and require more time to heal and recover.

That doesn't mean we can't enjoy life; we just need to do so wisely!

With that said, I would encourage all of us to participate in as many activities, new and old, we can. As we know, with warmer weather comes more outside things to do. Things as simple as a walk in the park, with friends or by ourselves, marveling at God's creation, meeting new people etc. Not only is this good for the body, but great for the mind! Try doing something new, let's get out of our rut.

God wants you to have a good and abundant life, don't disappoint Him!

As mentioned last month, our detachment has several activities planned for this summer. Take advantage of them, both as participant and helper, I guarantee you'll have fun. You'll reacquaint yourself with old friends and meet new ones. "Shaking the can" during our fundraisers is loads of fun. You'll be surprised how many people appreciate Marines and are eager to contribute.

Our Memorial Day commemoration is an excellent opportunity for us to remember our fallen heroes, passed and recent, together. Say "present" to celebrate the lives of our heroes.

April saw two more of our heroes, Tom Smolich, and Richard Bogdala report to guard Heaven's holy streets, "Well done, good and faithful servants".

May we also strive to receive such acknowledgement from our Heavenly Father!

May our Father in Heaven continue to bless you, your family, our country and our Corps.

Hank Landrau, Chaplain, Detachment 801  
Det. 801



Pictures from April 23rd  
Fund Raising.

## Message from the Sr. Vice Commandant

### Ooh-Rah to the Best Damn Detachment #801!

Marines, lets Shake the Can for our detachment's fundraising from 1000 to 1500 on the following dates and locations:

7 May – Grayslake Jewel-Osco Rt 120 east of Rt. 83 (855 E. Belvidere Rd)

14 May – Libertyville Jewel-Osco Rt 21 – 1300 S. Milwaukee

Please wear your red covers and any clothing that shouts Marine Corps. Though we are scheduled for five hours any time you can spare is appreciated.

Charles Walgreen

## from the desk of ..... Junior Vice

### **Memorial Picnic - July 23!! (Rescheduled from May 25)**

Members and Spouses will join together on Saturday July 23, to honor our members who have gone before us -- more information on location to follow. The program for the day includes Opening Remarks by Commandant Mampe, reading of Deceased Names and a Prayer by Chaplin Hank Landrau, followed by a Rifle Volley and Taps. Ceremony begins at 11:00 so you will want to show up about 10:30 a.m. Libations, brats and burgers will then be served so bring your lawn chairs. We need to know if you are going to attend so we can buy food. We need to know if you are attending. Spouses or significant others are invited too. There is no charge to attend.

### **We need volunteers to work and bring dishes to pass.**

So far, we have a short list of those signed up to attend – Smith, Seyler, Ellingsen, Roth, Mampe, Sroka, Mateus, Jezioro, and Landrau. For dishes to pass we have Cake; Jell-O, Baked Beans and Puerto Rican Rice. Still need salad, desserts and more. For volunteers we have Jezioro (set up), Ellingsen (cooking) Seyler (logistics) E. Mampe (color guard), Sroka, (food to cook) C. Mampe (plates and flat wear) and Cummings (raffle tickets). Sign-up sheets will blast (email) out in a day or two.

**Sign up for Memorial Picnic - Contact Walter Roth by phone or text or email (847-875-9669 [wroth6324@comcast.net](mailto:wroth6324@comcast.net))**

### **Membership Drive**

Also, we are working on a New Member Recruiting, a National as well as a local event. Membership Roles have been depleted with the passage of time for the Marine Corps League, the VFW and the American Legion. So please remember increasing our rolls is everyone's responsibility; ask that friend / neighbor to join you at our monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday at Stevens in Gurnee starting at 1830) and our social events. Please pick up new membership advertising posters at the next meeting.

### **Annual Dues**

And lastly for those forgetful members, PAY YOUR DUES for this year, as next year's Dues, for the year 2022/2023, are coming due September 1, 2022. Or better yet, become a Life Member.



## Color & Honor Guard



### Color and Honor Guard

We did two rifle volleys for fallen Marines , this past month, also we presented colors at the opening day Cubs game 4/7/2022 (above).

We have practice every other Thursday, next practice is May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Warren township office start time is 1745-1845.

If you would like to join the color guard please show up at practice. Or call me at 847-641-9689

Ed Mampe Commandant / color guard commander

## 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

**Memorial Remembrance Picnic**

**SAVE THE DATE -  
Get Ready to sign up  
23 July - 1100**





# Eagle Scouts



Eagle Scouts come in all sizes and genders. Forty-four Ka-bars presented since 1 Sep 2021 thru April. Twenty more are scheduled. Let me know if you want to join the Eagle Scout presentation team. Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144

# Marine Corps League



## LAKE COUNTY MARINES DET.801

HELP VETERANS, THEIR WIDOWS, AND THEIR KIDS  
ZERO SALARIES-100% TO VETS

## RAFFLE

# BOAT LOAD of BOOZE

**WHAT A DEAL!!**

**BOAT**

**Bass Pro Shop**

**7ft. x 4ft.**

**600 lbs. Capacity**

**Oars and Pump**



**Jack Daniel's  
Capt. Morgan**

**Smirnoff**

**Patron**

**Barcardi**

**OVER 50**

**BOTTLES**

**2nd PRIZE -- 25 BOTTLES !!**

**3rd Thru 10th PRIZE -5- BOTTLES or CASE OF WINE!!**

**1 TICKET---- \$10.00**

**3 TICKETS---- \$25.00**

**DRAWING AUGUST 16, 2022**

**STEVENS RESTAURANT**

**GURNEE, IL.**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**



If you want to buy tickets right now, click on the link below:

[Buy Raffle Tickets Here](#)

## **BOATLOAD OF BOOZE** **(Update as of 4/23/22)**

### **TICKETS**

168 books of tickets have been assigned to members to sell. If you need tickets contact me and I will get them to you.

### **PRIZES**

I need your help collecting more BOOZE and WINE.

Liquor stores, bars and restaurants are working great.  
Tell them who we are

What we will do with the funds--  
100% to Veterans, widows, and their kids.

—  
Show them the flyer-

**Thank them for their donation**

Bring the donations to me along with who you got what from. I am keeping a detailed log so we can deliver Certificates and more THANKS.

### **SALES UPDATE**

We have now sold \$4,395 to date. Jim Sroka, Charles Walgreen, Larry Lingen, Mel Ellingsen, Lori Staben, John Jezioro, Ron Engle, Alan Perez, and Randy Lund are leading the early returns.

### **TIME TO TURN UP THE HEAT**

We have 2/3's of our tickets to sell. Our GOAL is \$15,000.  
Team up. Make it FUN.

**WE CAN DO IT ! WE ARE MARINES !**



Now Hear This...

## Get your 2022 Detachment T-shirt NOW!

You asked of a t-shirt and here it is. Orders now being accepted for sizes Medium to 3X-Large for a maximum price of \$20 (Twenty Dollars) per shirt

Design is a outline of the state with Lake County highlighted, EG&A proudly shown, and our slogan on a military green colored Jersey dri-blended 50/50 cotton- ploy blended T-shirt



Information given is that the size of the shirt is true to fit

The more t-shirts the detachment orders, the lower the price per shirt. This initial price offering was set for a given minimum order of twenty five with the potential of savings being passed on to each t-shirt ordered over that

Deadline for orders will be May 20, 2022. Delivery notification will be made by email blast. Hope to distribute after June 3,2022. Please see the Quartermaster or contact him at 224-627-4294 or email: Dap706@yahoo.com



**\*\*Deadline again is May20, 2022 for T-shirt order!!**





and

then

“SMED”

said ....

*For all members of Lake County Detachment #801 (The Best Damned Detachment in the Nation).*

I had this sent to me back in April of this year and would like to share it with you. The author is anonymous, but delivers the message very well;

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never cared much for his work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's, but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sports activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll, or hip hop, or rap, or jazz, or swing and a 155 mm howitzer. He is ten or fifteen pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in thirty-seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.

He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self sufficient.

He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.

He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never forgets to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you are thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they are his hands. He can save your life – or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all.

He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over two hundred years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to war when our nation calls us to do so.

As you go to bed tonight, remember this;

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. AMEN.'

God bless our Troops!

Remember Everyone Deployed

Whomever said this, did it a whole lot better than I ever could have.

SMEDLEY

R. M. Butler (847) 648-6859

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

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Directors

Jim Sroka, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab, Charles  
Walgreen and Joe Wallace.

There are no requests for assistance at this time.

The Boat Load of Booze Raffle is under way. It is the Major Fund  
Raiser for the Foundation. We need your help and support.

Al Seyler  
President  
Lake County Marines Foundation

***Related Military Links to Click***

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**Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission**

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

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