

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Commandant Walgreen presents a plaque to Brad Lehner in remembrance of his Marine father.
John Jezioro wins 1st Place in the Ugly Sweater contest.

Many more pictures from our celebration can be viewed on our website
at: <https://lakecountymarines.com/celebrations>

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

17 January (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Medal of Honor
Recipient was Marine Sgt Dakota
Meyer.



Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

Read about him here: <https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-History-Division/Information-for-Units/Medal-of-Honor-Recipients-By-Unit/Cpl-Jason-Lee-Dunham/>

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Being born is a miracle. How about your parents holding you for the first time in a swaddled blanket looking down at you? Did they ever think you would transform into a Marine? That transformation for all Marines in 1996 and to present is the Crucible. The Crucible is a test every recruit must go through to graduate to become a Marine. It takes place over 54 hours near the end of bootcamp that includes food and sleep deprivation and over 45 miles of marching. It tests you physically, mentally, and morally. Depending on when we graduate as a Marine, we all went through a severe test of an extremely challenging 13-week experience. This month of December is a time to be joyous of all the miracles and struggles we have overcome because of that transformation.

Our detachment presented Gunnery Sergeant Darrin Lee, Toys For Tots Coordinator Lake County MACG 48 a check for \$5,050 this month. Earlier this month Lieutenant General James B. Laster, President and CEO of Toys For Tots wrote;

Dear Marines of MCL Det 801,

My sincere appreciation for your very generous support over so many years!

Please know that you are making a tremendous difference in the precious lives of children.

I wish you all the very best and a wonderful 2023.

Semper Fi,

James B. Laster

Sometimes thank you isn't enough to say for all your hard work and dedication to our detachment this year. So how about SEMPER FI as we do this because we Marines believe in our Mission Statement. Looking forward to 2023, let's continue to grow our membership, have more involvement from our current members, and know that we all succeed no matter what we do. Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful holiday season, with many blessings to come in the New Year.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

New Year's Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Once again, it's that special time of year made for visiting with family and friends but also let us not forget to thank the Lord for granting us this freedom. Enjoy this time to the fullest but not forget those who have come before us and paved the way for our freedom and security.

Also, to be remembered at this time are our colleagues; Al Gort, who passed, and three of our current members who have experienced recent knee surgeries, Ed Mrozinski, Oliver Davidson and Tom Koncan. Jim Rinehardt had a stroke and needs to sell snow-bird RV. May their healing be swift and they are soon back on their feet.

Here's looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2023 and may all of our members be blessed with good health and happiness.

Joseph Womack

Chaplain



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

On 12/21/2022 detachment members and the Honor Guard stood casket guard and the Color Guard fired a Rifle Volley at Hamsher Lakeside Funerals for fallen MARINE Al Gort. Al was 95 years old and served at the end of WW II. He joined the detachment in 2005.

If you would like to join the Color Guard, just see Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander. Please call me for details, (847) 641-9689.

We have practice at the Warren Township located 17801 Washington St, Gurnee. Every other Thursday starting January 12th 2023 at the Gurnee township office start time 1745 to 1845.

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



EAGLE SCOUTS



Here's MGySgt Wayne Carle, Ret.,
presenting a Ka-Bar to a new Eagle Scout.

During December only one presentation was made by the detachment. Seven are scheduled for January.

Can you walk, talk and chew gum at the same time? Can you stand in front of a group of people and talk to them without getting flustered? If so, maybe you can help us present Ka-Bars to new Eagle Scouts. Please let me know if you want to join the Eagle Scout presentation team. Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144.

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No new requests for assistance have been received.

We are scheduling a meeting of the Board to start off the new year.

Al Seyler
President

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