

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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## ST. PAT'S DAY PARTY

TUES. MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

1830 or 6:30pm

It's shaping up to be a fine fun time. One question we keep getting is "are we really having Irish Dancers or is it a joke?" It is for real! A dance troupe of teenaged girls will perform Irish River dancing—not Seyler or Sroka!!

We will also have some games along with "Best Dressed" were you can win some prizes. The Committee is doing a super job of planning for a fun party.

Add in traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soda bread, and dessert. You know Steven's has great food!! This is a "don't miss Event". On page 7 is the sign-up sheet. If you have not signed up, do it NOW !!!!!!!!!!!

If you have signed-up, check and make sure we have your name spelled correctly. We will be making name tags for the Spouses and Guests and it would be embarrassing to misspell their name.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

15 March (Tuesday)

Special Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Mel Ellingsen



#### Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Good day Marines I hope this fine everyone well. I have a little bit of history I found in my Marine Corps books. I know that everyone was talking about the date 2/22/2022. But on this date back in 1944 The 22<sup>nd</sup> Marines and other Marine units capture Parry Island and secured Eniwetok Atoll.

As you know we have the St Paddy's day celebration coming up at our next business meeting.

Now a little something from To ERR is Human, To Forgive, Divine

However Neither is Marine Corps Policy.

Haven can Wait

The Pope died and went to heaven, and was stopped at the gate by a sleepy watchman who asked him, "Yeah what do you want?"

The Pope thought, Great I did thirty years of Gods work, only to get stopped by this guy." Then he said, "Look, I am the Pope. I have done many years of work."

The watchman said, "We ain't got no orders for you. Go get some rest and we'll see you in the morning." He then gave the Pope directions to an old World War II open bay barracks. The Pope went in to find all the lower bunks taken and the only lockers left have no doors, so he threw his gear under his rack and went to sleep.

The next morning the Pope was awakened by loud music and cheering. He ran to the window and saw a long black limo with a Marine Gunny in the back seat smoking a huge cigar, hanging on to a mug of Jack & Coke, and with two beautiful blond angels hanging on to him. The Pope was angry and went to the night watchman. He said, "I'm the Pope! I did thirty years of God's work at the Vatican, only to see some Marine gunny - who probably did everything imaginable that a Marine might do - get treated like royalty!"

The watchman said, "There's a good reason for that. We get a Pope every twenty to thirty years. THIS IS OUR FIRST MARINE GUNNY EVER!"

Ed Mampe Commandant

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

February, 2022

FELLOW MARINES, GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS.

I mentioned in my January 2022 article that this year would be full of challenges and opportunities! Well, world affairs and international tensions, have certainly given us lots of reasons to be concerned!

Often, it seems we're overwhelmed by one crisis after another and it's easy to lose hope.

JESUS SAID ".....IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD" John 16:33.

It is important that at times like these we **do not** lose hope, and focus our attention where it does the most good. I personally believe that prayer, true, honest and fervent prayer is a powerful weapon!

February was not all gloom and doom, the detachment kicked off its bi-annual fund raiser to benefit veterans and warriors in financial distress. Our "BOAT LOAD OF BOOSE" raffle will benefit warriors regardless branch of service. Make sure to see lance corporal Seyler for tickets for you, family and friends!

February 19 to March 26, 1945 marked the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle for Iwo-Jima. Many warriors on both sides lost their lives, but our Marines and Navy were victorious raising our colors on Mount Suribachi.

Please continue to keep our Marine brother, Tom Smolich, and his family in your prayers. As of the writing of this article Tom is back home.

Please let me know if you have any prayer requests for you, your family or friends.

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our March 15, 2022, business meeting and celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Be prepared for fun beyond your wildest dreams!

As always God bless you, God bless your family, God bless America, and God bless our Marine Corps!

Hank Landrau, Chaplain  
Det. 801

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

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

We're working on dates this spring to Shake the Can for our own detachment fund raising. Save these dates!!!

23 April - Gurnee Jewel-Osco 1000-1500 on Hunt Club south of Grand Ave

30 April - Buffalo Grove Woodmans NW corner of Milwaukee and Deerfield

\_Charles Walgreen



February 23, 1945: During the bloody [Battle for Iwo Jima](#), U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. Americans fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.

## From the desk of.....Jr. Vice

I am at the start of a recruiting campaign for recruiters. As I am sure you are aware, due to reasons such as relocation out of State, health, age, and the pandemic our membership needs some replenishment. My first recruit is Kristian Helland – a new member willing to put forth the effort to build our ranks. While we are including all Marine and FMF Navy personnel, I think our target market is anyone over the “empty nester age” (40 years of age and older).

At this stage Kristian and I have identified where we need to recruit (in each town in Lake County). Basically, anyplace and everyplace you would expect there to be a Marine sitting around looking for someone to believe his war stories—including Fire Stations, Police Stations, Sheriff’s Department, Veterans Administration (Lovell), American Legion, VFW, and local drinking establishments, among other places we have identified.

It is my intention to reach out to individuals who know something about how to reach others who share the same vocation/career choice and are willing to reach out. In other words, those who speak the same language and share the same interests including that of a past association with the Marine Corps. So if the shoe fits, and you are willing to help, reach out to me please (see below).

What I would hope you would be willing to do is talk to the correct people and ask for permission to allow us to add to their bulletin boards recruiting posters (8 ½ x 11) trifold application forms and business cards. Answering questions that may arise about what we do, or where to find our social media such as website and facebook would also be of help as well.

I am looking forward to being overwhelmed with your inquiries and offers of assistance.

Semper Fi.

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ST. PAT'S PARTY  
SIGN-UP SHEET  
MARCH 15, 2022

Call Al Seyler to sign up!!  
(847) 220-1525



Name

Spouse (Significant other)

- |                      |            |         |
|----------------------|------------|---------|
| 1. Luff, Mike        |            |         |
| 2. DeGroot, Ray      | Patsy      | Maryann |
| 3. Helland, Kristian |            |         |
| 4. Ellingsen, Mel    | Shirley    |         |
| 5. Mampe, Ed         | Carol      |         |
| 6. Koncan, Tom Jr.   |            |         |
| 7. Walgreen, Charles | Catherine  | Ruth    |
| 8. Landrau, Hank     | Margarita  |         |
| 9. Roth, Walter      |            |         |
| 10. Jezioro, John    |            |         |
| 11. Sroka, Jim       | Marcia     |         |
| 12. Seyler, Al       | Kathi      |         |
| 13. Szempruch, Brian | Miku       |         |
| 14. Lynch, Al        | Susan      |         |
| 15. Butrim, Chuck    | Kathy      |         |
| 16. Pantaleo, Nick   | Kelly      |         |
| 17. Lingin, Larry    |            |         |
| 18. Womack, Joe      | Merry Lynn |         |
| 19. Parrish, Carol   |            |         |
| 20. Blut, Al         | Charlotte  |         |
| 21. Engel, Ron       | Kathy      |         |
| 22. Cooper, Robert   |            |         |
| 23. Theehs, Will     | Margaret   |         |
| 24. Lund, Randy      |            |         |
| 25. Quinn, Jim       | Chris      |         |
| 26. Sydow, Nada      |            |         |
| 27. Carle, Wayne     |            |         |
| 28. Staben, Lori     |            |         |
| 29. Pickelman, John  |            |         |
| 30.                  |            |         |
| 31.                  |            |         |

## 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



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**



**EAGLE SCOUTS**



A couple of month's ago during our monthly meeting, Al Seyler shared the story of how George Everitt started the Lake County Detachment 801. He is pictured on the right above and was also responsible for acknowledging Eagle Scouts in Lake County. Below is the oldest record we have of those early presentations.

Name	Date	Troop	Location
Adams, Eric	05/21/06	77	Gurnee
Arendt, Stephen H.	08/14/05	72	Libertyville
Carlson, James C.	04/22/08	77	Gurnee
Deming, Scott	2/12/06	77	Gurnee
Deming, Sean,	2/12/06	77	Gurnee
Kolar, Kevin J.	11/25/06	77	Gurnee
Kowalski, Joseph J.	3/11/06	72	Gurnee
Mathe, William R. *	3/22/09	92	Lake Zurich
Mellen, Thomas Liam	09/25/05	77	Gurnee
Merkel, Peter	04/01/07	77	Gurnee
Orvath, Richard *	03/26/09		Gurnee
Rentch, Eric	03/05/??	77	Gurnee
Simonini, Zachary N.	04/05/08		Grass Lake

Detachment 801 of the Marine Corps League had the pleasure of presenting Certificates of Accomplishment to Eagle Scouts.

The character “\*” after the Scout’s name indicates that he was presented with a Ka-Bar knife on behalf of MCL Detachment 801.



## BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE

We kicked off our 2022 (we hold the raffle every other year) raffle at the February 15th Meeting.

A GIANT 3 gallon cowboy boot was filled with an island punch and a bottle Pirate Rum was there to liven up the punch if you desired. We all toasted to our goal of collecting 150 bottles of Booze and raising \$15,000 dollars. We are off and running.

We have flyers and tickets. Please call me and I will meet you to give you Tickets. To date only 19 of 120 Members have taken tickets. That is only 10%. We are better than that!! This is our money to help the Veterans, their Widows and kids here in Lake County.

Al Seyler  
847-220-1525

# 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](#)



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

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

Officers and Directors

President- Al Seyler

Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen

Secretary- Jerry Pedrin

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***

**Midwest Veterans Closet**

**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**