

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Thanks to all who helped collect for Toys for Tots.



Charles Walgreen presenting certificates (clockwise) Todd Wadsworth, Will Theehs, Jim Sroka, Nada Sydow, Carol & Ed Mampe, Randy Lund, Larry Lingen, Tom Koncan, John Jezioro, Ed Mrozinski, Don Bahe and Al Seyler. And, Mel Ellingsen taking pictures.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

15 February (Tuesday)

1900 (fellowship at 1830)

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Tom Koncan



Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Hello marines, here we are starting another month. I hope everyone is staying healthy. We do have some things planned for our business meetings, fortunately you will have to come to the meeting to find out. Well, enough about meetings and boring things like that. Now a page from To ERR is Human, to Forgive, Divine. Ha

However, neither is Marine Corps Policy.

CHEMICAL THREAT

Army Football Practice DELAYED

West Point (NY)-While preparing for the Army-Navy Game, Army practice was delayed for nearly two hours after a player reported finding an unknown powdery white substance on the practice field. The new head coach immediately suspended practice while police and federal investigators were called in to investigate.

After a complete analysis by both the FBI and Army Intelligence, forensic experts determined the powdery white substance unknown to players was the goal line.

Practice was resumed after special agents decided the team was unlikely to encounter the substance again.

I Hope you enjoy this little chuckle.

Ed Mampe Commandant #801

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Semper Fi

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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JANUARY, 2022

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE STARTING A NEW YEAR WITH ALL IT'S POTENTIAL, CHALLENGES AND SURPRISES!

AS THIS NEW YEAR UNFOLDS, WE LOOK FORWARD WITH ALL THE COURAGE AND FAITH OUR GOD BLESSED US WITH.

WE'VE FACED MANY CHALLENGES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FACE CHALLENGES IN THE MONTHS TO COME. THE QUESTION IS, WHO ARE YOU GOING TO TURN TO FOR STRENGTH, ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT? SOME MAY TURN TO LIQUOR, OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

I FOR ONE, WILL OPEN MY BIBLE, THEN MY HEART, PRAY AND THEN SEEK WORDS OF WISDOM FROM INDIVIDUALS I TRUST. FINALLY, I LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE ME.

JESUS SAID "IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE, BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD" (JOHN 16:33)

YOU MAY HAVE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES TO COPE, BUT IF YOUR METHODS ARE NOT WORKING, PLEASE TALK TO ME! I WOULD LOVE TO SIT AND TALK WITH YOU.

NO MATTER WHO WE ARE, WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULTIES, BUT WE'LL ALSO HAVE GOOD TIMES. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE TO SHARE THEM WITH!

WHEN WE DO SO, THE BAD TIMES BECOME LESS DOUGNTING AND THE GOOD TIMES MORE MEMORABLE.

MY PRAYER AND WISH FOR YOU, IS THAT YOU EMBRACE LIFE WITH ALL THE GUSTO AND HAPPINESS THE LORD GIVES YOU, AND LET TOMORROW TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY, GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS OUR BELOVED CORPS

SEMPER FI

HANK LANDRAU,
CHAPLAIN, DET. 801

Message from the Sr. Vice Commandant

Oorah to the Best Damn Detachment #801!

Thank you to all those members who volunteered their time helping us to collect for Toys for Tots. If you missed the January meeting and helped collect for T4T, I have a thank-you certificate for you too. Check in with me during our 15 February meeting for your certificate.

We're starting to firm up dates for us to 'shake the can' for the detachment's coffers. On 23 April we will be at the Gurnee Jewel. I'm in discussions with Woodman's in Buffalo Grove for late April-early May. Much more to follow!

We're starting to plan our St Patty's Day party (I mean meeting). Read more about later in the Journal.

_Charles Walgreen

From the Desk of Jr. Vice

We are In process of developing a plan of action for our 2022 Membership Recruiting Drive. Of course, also seeking individuals willing to help with...

- Developing Poster Templates for Recruiting
- Ideas about where to Recruit and whom
- Volunteers to help contacting leads
- Team Leaders for each Contact Lead

(i.e., VFW—Amer Legion—Firehouses—Police Stations—et al)

We need to demonstrate that we are worth getting together with monthly (and maybe even more frequently). What are the things that you think would attract new members? Dinner get togethers – card parties (poker night) – Board Games (Chess, Checkers, Scrabble)

Currently we are thinking about spending the time between now and Spring (late March to mid April) putting together our action plan, writing our letter templates, drawing our recruiting poster templates, and writing up descriptions of what each of our groups does – i.e., Color Guard, Eagle Scouts, VA Hospital Visitations, Toys – 4 – Tots, Fundraisers, Young Marines.

Contact me if you are interested: wroth6324@comcast.net or call 847-875-9669

So you think our meetings are BORING?? At our January meeting Al Seyler presented the Life of our Founder George Everett that was very interesting. We also had a visit from Lance Corporal Elf (MOS 1313, Duty Station North Pole – Holiday Assistant) who further enchanted us with his ongoing Christmas Lore. (LCpl Elf was reminded about Oscar and our very own Sgt Santa.) We all had a good laugh about LCpl Elf's ramblings.

Don't Forget to keep up with paying your annual dues –
or better yet, a Life Membership.

Come early to our monthly meeting at Steven's Restaurant and spend some time getting to know other members. Have a meal, a cocktail, tell some lies ... And plan on the Annual St. Paddy's Day Corned Beef Dinner.



Our March meeting falls on the 15th. That is 2 days before St. Patrick's Day. We can start the festivities early.

So—We be invitin ya to a Det. 801 St. Paddy's party at our meetin. We be having some goodies to be partaking of and a wee spot of some liquids for medicinal purposes only.

Bring your Bride or Husband or your favorite (not both) and let us know you are coming. We be needin a count to make sure we have enough Corned Beef, Cabbage and the fixins.

Plan on wearing your "Greens", stick around and enjoy some camaraderie. All the Irish Marines will be there---- O'Malley, Doyle, O'Brien, Ryan, O'Clery, O'Sullivan, O'Connor and Murphy (sounds more like Notre Dames offensive line) ----- and many more !!

Be There!!!!

[Click here to tell us whose attending!](#)

or call Al Seyler (847) 220-1525

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



That's Joe Wallace above with two new Eagle Scouts. We had one January postponement due to Covid yet presented 9 Ka-Bars to new Eagle Scouts. Since 1 September we have presented 31 Ka-Bars at Eagle Courts of Honor.

Mel Ellingsen, Eagle Scout Chair

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and

then

“SMED”

said

Detachment #801 members, I would like to share with you an item received from Marine Forever Detachment #1440 Past Commandant David Kirk.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God. All else was darkness and without form. So, God created the heavens and the earth. He created the sun so there would be light. He created the moon and the stars, so that the light might penetrate the darkness. The earth God divided between the land and the sea, and these he filled with many assorted creatures.

And the dark salty creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the seas God called “sailors”, and He dressed them accordingly.

And the flighty creatures of the air, He called “airmen”. And these He clothed in uniforms which were ruffled and foul.

And the lower creatures of the land, God called “soldiers”. And with a twinkle in His eye, and a sense of humor, that only He could have, God gave them trousers that were too short with pockets to warm their hands, and covers that were too large. And to adorn those uniforms, God gave them ribbons...and patches...and stars...and bells. He gave them emblems... and crests... and badges...and all sorts of shiny things that glittered...and things that dangled. (When you are God, you tend to get carried away.)

On the seventh day (as you know) God rested. And on the eighth day at 0600 hrs. God looked down and was not happy.

GOD WAS NOT HAPPY!

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said

He thought about His labors, and in His infinite wisdom, God created a divine creature, and this creature He called a “Marine”. And these Marines whom God created in His own image, were to be of the air, and the land and the sea. And to these He gave many wonderful uniforms. He gave them practical fighting uniforms, so they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training, that they may be sharp and ready. He gave them evening and dress uniforms. Sharp, stylish, handsome things, so they might profile with the ladies on Saturday nights and impress the Hell out of everybody.

At the end of the eighth day, God looked down upon the earth and saw that it was good. But, was God happy?

NO!

God was still not happy! Because, in the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing...He did not have a Marine uniform.

He thought about it, and thought about it and finally satisfied Himself in knowing that, well, not everybody can be a Marine.

SEMPER FIDELIS

**I hope you found this informative and entertaining as did I.
I have not verified whether or not it is accurate, or just a story someone made up.
You can believe it or not, as you wish.**

SMEDLEY

Stay well, Stay safe!
See you next month?

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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



All of us need to start selling tickets for the raffle ASAP. Pick up yours to sell at our 15 February business meeting. What, you say? You can't make the meeting? An email will be sent out shortly to everyone that can be forwarded to family and friends for them to buy tickets on-line. If you want to buy tickets right now, click on the link below:

[Buy Raffle Tickets Here](#)

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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.

The newly elected board of directors met at Stevens' steakhouse on Jan. 7th. Minuets were read and accepted as written.

The History, By-Laws and Mission of the Foundation were discussed. Col. Swab will clean up the wording in the By-Laws.

A Navy Vet, who was a cook for deployed Seals, had his home catch fire on Dec. 23rd. He and his family were safe but there was extensive damage to the house. They will be living in a motel in Gurnee until repairs are finished in 6 months. The Board unanimously approved \$1,000.00 to be used for immediate needs of family until insurance monies are available.

The Board will conduct the 2022 (even year) raffle fund raiser – Boat Load of Booze. In 2020, with the Corvid 19 pandemic in full force, the raffle still raised \$11,000. We have set a goal of \$15,000. It will kick off at the Jan. 18th Monthly meeting.

Al Seyler
President

Related Military Links to Click

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Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Marine Corps League Headquarters

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Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit