

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Above images from our 2019 Memorial Picnic at Foss Park-North Chicago. We're returning to Foss Park on 23 July. Please arrive at 1030, program starts at 1100. Please read Jr. Vice Walter Roth's article on one of the following pages. Please sign up ASAP!

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

19 July (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Every Vietnam Veteran



Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Hello Marines, here we are almost to July 4th. I hope you have some plans for the 4th. Great time for cook outs and just plain fun. I know the Jr. Vice and the rest of the staff are working on the MCL 801 Memorial picnic on the 23rd of July.

NOW

To ERR is HUMAN, TO FORGIVE, DIVINE HOWEVER, NEITHER IS MARINE CORPS POLICY The HERC & HORNET

A couple of F/A-18 Hornets were escorting a C-130 Hercules, and their pilots were chatting with the pilot of the transport to pass time. Eventually talk came 'round to the relative merits of their respective aircraft. Of course, the fighter pilots contented that their airplanes were better because of their superior speed, maneuverability, weaponry, and so forth, while putting the Herc's deficiencies in these areas.

After taking this for a while, the C-130 pilot said, "Oh yeah? Well, I can do a few things in this old girl that you'd only DREAM about." Naturally, the fighter jocks challenged him to demonstrate. "Just watch," came the quick retort.

And so, they watched.... but all they saw was the C-130 continuing to fly straight and level.

After several minutes the Herc pilot came back on the air saying, "There! How was that?"

Not having seen anything, the fighter pilots replied, "What are you talking about? What did you do?"

And the Herc pilot answered, "Well, I turned on the autopilot, got up, stretched my legs, got a cup of coffee, and then went back and took a leak!"

Enjoy, have a great July 4th. SEMPER FI

Ed Mampe, Commandant ph.# 847-641-9689

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Blessing Marines!

It's with great pleasure and thankfulness that I take this opportunity to chat with you again. First of all, welcome to the Summer of 2022! I hope you're making the most of the nice weather and enjoying more outside activities.

For all you dads, grand dads and even, great grand dads, I hope that Father's Day was especially nice and meaningful to you. Our nation takes great pride in honoring our "fathers" during the month of June. Our father in Heaven commands us to honor our fathers and mothers. For those who have the privilege of having their parents on this side of eternity, love them and cherish them every day! For those of us who can no longer express our love face to face, cherish their memory.

Being a dad is not the only way we can be an "influencer". We can be using our time in meaningful ways. Volunteering for a cause that's important to us is a great use of our time. Picking up a new or existing hobby, i.e., gardening, learning a new skill such as playing an instrument, or even a little exercise (nothing drastic). The point is that summer's mild weather affords us the opportunity to expand our horizons.

We live in a great country, why not visit a state you've never been to? Travelling is a great educator.

If physical activities are a bit challenging for you, why not exercise your brain? "Working" our brains is a great way to maintain mental sharpness, memory and focus! Lastly, stay socially connected, no matter what your age being connected to loved ones and friends, contributes to our overall health. Many of us find comfort and meaning in regular worship time, and it's a fantastic way to connect with others.

I don't want to turn this into a self-help session, but what's the point of living longer, if the quality of life is not the best it can be!

Don't forget that next month, July 23, we'll be gathering together as marines to honor our detachment's departed members, our country's birthday and each other's company in Foss Park.

I pray to God, that these words are as beneficial to you, as they were writing them.

May our Lord bless you, your family, our country and our Corps

Semper fi

Hank Landrau
Chaplain, Det.801

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT REPORTING

Oorah to the Best Detachment #801!

Marines, thank you to all that got out and Shook the Can for our detachment's fundraising this past spring. We raised over \$10,000 that will go to cover our detachment events and our outstanding Veteran programs. I appreciate your Grit and Determination to take a few hours out of your weekend to make our detachment the Best!

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

from the desk of Junior Vice

Memorial Picnic

Members and Spouses (significant others) please join us together to honor our Members who have gone before us. 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 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 -- bring your lawn chairs.

Please Reply to Walter Roth by July 13

When: July 23, 2022

Time: 11:00 (Arrive by 10:30 for set-up)

Where: Foss Park, North Chicago (**Route 137 (Buckley Rd) around Navy Base to Marquette Street, to 1901 Foss Park Av.**)

We need volunteers to work and bring dishes to pass.

(to sign up Contact Walter Roth (847-875-9669 wroth6324@comcast.net)

Membership Drive

Also, we are working on a New Member Recruiting, a National as well as a local event. Membership has 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) and our social events.

Annual Dues

Next year's Dues, for the year 2022/2023, are coming due September 1, 2022. Watch for the invoice in your email. Or better yet, become a Life Member.

Semper Fi

(sign up for Memorial Day Contact Walter Roth

by text or email (847-875-9669 wroth6324@comcast.net)



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Cubs Opener 2022



Antioch 4th of July 2021

Color and Honor Guard

We will be presenting colors at the cubs game this Sunday 6/03/2022, and we will be in the Antioch parade this Monday 7/04/2022.

We have practice every other Thursday, at the Warren township office start time is 1745 until 1845. Call me for the next practice date and time.

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



EAGLE SCOUTS



Sixty-five Ka-bars presented since 1 Sep 2021 thru June. Thirteen 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
SUCCESS STORY

Wednesday (6/15) I invited our Chaplin, Hank, to join me for a dinner of Hot Wings. I took him up to Trevor, WI (on Highway C) to Kelly's pub. They have the best Wings I have ever had—and the biggest!! We ordered 5 wings each and had leftovers to take home.

Since there were other people in the bar, I pulled out our Boatload flyer and laid it on the table. A guy walked by, saw the Flyer and asked “What is this for?” We are raising money for Veterans, their Widows and kids I responded. For Veterans I will buy 3. Sold !!

I then walked down the bar showing the Flyer and sold \$225 dollar worth of tickets.

One gentleman said to go to Sandlots in Salem and they will give your Booze. See my daughter Jessica. Tell her I said “give this guy booze”.

The next day at 2:00 in the afternoon, after playing golf with Jim Sroka, I decided to go to Salem on my way home and try to find Sandlots. Found it on Rt. 83 south of Salem. It is a large place with several softball fields. I walked in and a tall young lady was tending bar and I asked if she was Jessica. “Yes, she said, Can I help you?” “You are supposed to give me Booze”, I responded. “What? Who told you that?” she asked. “Moose”, I answered.

I prepared myself to be-- Slapped - Tossed out- and told to stay out.

She smiled and said she would prepare a basket for us.

The basket was a metal Miller Lite bucket with—

2 T-Shirts - 1 (Green and Yellow) said Green Bay Packers - Chicago Bears Suck!! and the other one (Blue and Orange) said Chicago Bears - Green Bay Sucks!!

2 bottles of Absolut Vodka and

A gift card for \$25. 00.

WOW What a basket.

Since I was there, I had a beer and sold \$185 of tickets.

You can sell tickets anywhere there are people---

Barbershop, diner, fire station.....

Stress we are raising money for Veterans

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and

then

“SMED”

said

My 'Bride' went to a meeting in New Orleans,
Samplin' the cuisine and havin' fun.
So I packed my car with shirts and socks and blue jeans.
I'll be 600 miles away when the day is done!

Howdy! Haven't seen ya in quite awhile. Pull up a chair and sit a spell. I just put a pot on the stove. Pour a cup and let's visit some.

Ya know, this 'damned' COVID thing has just about ruined everyone's ability to visit anymore. Nearly everybody I know stays 'cooped up' in the house and afraid to go out anywhere.

This past week, my 'missis' is attending a National Convention with the GFWC (General Federation of Woman's Clubs) in New Orleans. She's been an active member for over a dozen years, so I encouraged her to attend and have the opportunity to visit with ones she has worked with from all over the country.

As I was 'putterin' around the house, it hit me that she was doin' something she really enjoyed, and I would also. Since the age of 14, I have enjoyed driving a car. On Sunday afternoons, the family would take the car out for a drive in the country. Sometimes Dad would pull over, get out and move over to the 'shotgun' position and tell me to get behind the wheel. That was how I learned. When I was fifteen, he gave me the old 'beater' he used to carry his tools around while building an addition on a house. That 'old beater' was in lieu of wages for my being his 'go-fer'.

Well, I decided this would be a good time to take some things to our new 'digs' in Florida, so I packed up and headed out. Twelve hundred miles of some of the most beautiful real estate you can imagine.

The modern Interstate System is a marvelous creation! One can get from one end of our nation very quickly and efficiently (barring those ever present road repairs). From central Illinois on the landscape can be breathtaking. From Marion to the Mississippi River (along I-57) the sandstone formations along the highway are beautiful during any season. Following I-55 south through Missouri and Arkansas to Memphis is so flat you can see flat fields nearly to the horizon growing corn, soybeans, cotton and sorghum. (In five separate trips through that area, I have spotted crop dusting airplanes flying over the fields at tree top level on four occasions. They are a sight to see. Very acrobatic maneuvers.) I believe the pilots might be a little crazy.

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Crossing over through Memphis (did you know there's only one 'M' in Memphis? Pronounced 'Me'phis), the Kudzu Vine covers the landscape as if it were a large green blanket. It can grow a foot a day and spread over 60 feet in one growing season.

Along I-22 from Tupelo, MS to Birmingham, AL, the hills were alive with rose colored blossoms from trees looking very much like our locusts up north. I can fully understand why so many originating from Alabama return once they retire. The rolling topography just continues on and on. Alabama is one pretty State!

Interstate 10 in Florida is still lined with many cattle ranches, though every year it seems several more have been converted to building sites. To see a tremendous expanse of green pasture filled with meandering Black Angus cattle is a sight to behold. Due to the moist air originating in the Gulf of Mexico forming 'humungous' cumulous clouds, the Florida sunsets cannot be equaled!

Down and back in five days, I registered a little over 2,500 miles, and it was enjoyable because there were no time constraints. Sure the gas was edging ever closer to five dollars a gallon, but it sure beat staying at home.

Some of my favorite roads in the past;

- A) The 'Dragon' North Carolina Hwy #129 out of Deals Gap – 318 curves in 11 miles,
- B) California St. Rt. #299 from Whiskeytown along the Trinity River 90 miles to the Redwoods,
- C) Natchez Trace - 444 miles of secluded road originating from Nashville, Tenn. to Natchez, Mississippi,
- D) Blue Ridge Parkway – 469 miles in North Carolina,
- E) Any roads in Tennessee,
- F) There are no bad roads in Kentucky,
- G) The whole State of Utah should be a National Park,
- H) U.S. Highway #50 – (The Loneliest Road in America) East to West through Colorado, Utah and Nevada.

Get out the ATLAS and look for roads marked with little dots. Those are the most scenic. Then get in the car and 'connect the dots', you won't be sorry. Sure beats staying home. We do live in one beautiful country, get out and enjoy some of it. It doesn't have to be a long trip. Did you know there is a lighthouse in Racine, at the end of Wind Point. It's a great place (on a bright sunshiny day to take a picnic basket and a lawn chair) and sit and watch the water/boats/birds or ????. Another one of my favorite places!

See ya next month? Semper Fidelis my friend. Thanks fer stoppin' by.

SMED

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Carol Parrish joined the detachment as an Associate member at our last meeting. Carol, is the widow on retired Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth Parrish, who passes a few years ago.

Carol lives in Grayslake and is retired.

Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

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

There are no requests for assistance at this time.

Boatload of Booze Raffle Update

To date we have collected 128 bottles of Booze and \$365.00 in gift cards. Our tickets sales stand at approximately \$9,000.00.

We only have 1 month remaining to sell or buy tickets. It is time to hit high gear and finish with a BANG !!

Let's go **MARINES**

Al Seyler

Foundation President

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