

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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A few pictures from the 2022 picnic.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

16 May (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

A bit younger than we wanted. Who is this future Marine?



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We're going to try something new. In stead of a Mystery Marine in uniform, it was suggested we ask for pictures of YOU when you were a much younger person. Say 5 to 12 years old? Send them to the editor@lakecountymarines.com

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE!

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Our Memorial Day picnic is Wednesday May 24th when we will honor all our fallen detachment members. Since 2005 we have lost 60 Marines to guard heavens gates. We need YOUR esprit de corps to volunteer and be present where our fallen detachment members can only be present in our hearts. If you have ever attended a memorial service or funeral of a veteran, you have seen the very moving flag folding ceremony performed with articulate precision. Every movement has a special meaning often pointing to our spiritual roots as a nation and the principles upon which it was founded. The flag folding ceremony honors the Veteran and demonstrates respect to their family. The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life. The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of their life for the defense of our country. The 4th fold represents we trust in God, and it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his divine guidance. The 5th fold is a tribute to our country. The 6th fold is from where our hearts lie, it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our Republic. The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day. The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood for it has been through women that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded with qualities such as faith, love, loyalty and devotion to God, Country, and Family. The 10th fold is a tribute to fathers for they too have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country. The 11th fold in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and king Solomon and glorifies in their eyes the God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob. The 12th fold in the eyes of a Christian represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded and tucked in it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat ever reminding us of the veterans who served under General George Washington and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades in the armed forces of the United States preserving for us the rights privileges and freedoms which we enjoy today.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen, Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message

April is a magical time as Mother Earth awakens from her winter slumber and begins to come alive once again. When the month of April rolls around and you notice it raining outside, there's one phrase you're likely to hear. April showers brings May flowers.

However, it is now time to acknowledge the passing of April and look forward to the welcoming of May. May is a new month, new day, and new chapter in our life. Let us embrace the challenges it presents. Stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams. With courage, faith and trust in God all things are possible.

This is an ideal time to thank our Lord for the beauty of Spring and the blessing's he has bestowed upon us.

Life is very fragile and we are being tested daily---let us all enjoy the remaining time we have but not forget to reach out with a word of support for those less fortunate than ourselves. It takes very little effort to reach out to a fellow member and say Hello!

At our last meeting we had the good fortune of adding four new members. If you haven't met yet, it would be nice to introduce yourself.

Don't forget to set aside the day for our Memorial Day Picnic, May 24. A day that that we recognize our fallen Brothers and celebrate the companionship of our fellow Marines and Navy Corpsman. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

Are you ready to Shake the Can?

Our primary source of money which we use to pay for our social events such as the St Paddy's Day dinner, USMC Birthday celebration, Officer Installation Dinner and the Memorial Day Picnic comes from the donations we receive when we Shake the Can at our local Jewel Foods stores. We don't expect our members to attend every collection event but you are certainly welcome to try. Please join us for a couple of hours. By the way, standing at the Jewel with your Marine brothers can become a social event all by itself. We all have a story to tell and share with those collecting. Be sure to wear your Mcl red cover and/or red shirt. Other USMC clothing items clearly point out to the store patrons that we are Marines and Corpsman worthy of their donations.

Here an updated list of dates and locations:

All collections are at Jewel Foods Stores and run from 1000 until 1500 on Saturdays.

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| May 13 | Libertyville 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave. |
| May 27 | Antioch 966 Il Rt 59 at Il Rt 173 |
| Jun 3 | Highland Park 1600 Deerfield Rd. |
| Jun 10 | Waukegan-Lewis 3124 N. Lewis Ave. |
| Jun 17 | Round Lake 900 E. Rollins Rd. at Rt 83. |
| Jul 1 | Grayslake 885 E. Belvidere Rd. |
| Jul 8 | Libertyville 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave. |
| Jul 15 | Mundelein 1150 W. Maple Ave. |
| Jul 22 | Waukegan-Greenbay 922 N. Greenbay Rd. |
| Aug 5 | Grayslake 885 E. Belvidere Rd |
| Aug 12 | Libertyville 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave. |
| Aug 19 | Gurnee Hunt Club Rd. |

MEMORIAL PICNIC

We will honor our Members and those Marines who built Detachment 801, who are now “guarding the streets of Heaven”.

WHEN-

Wednesday – May 24, 2023 - 11:00am (set up 10:00)

WHERE-

Foss Park
1901 Foss Park Ave.
North Chicago

PROGRAM-

Opening Remarks - Commandant Walgreen
Reading of Names with Striking of Bell
Prayer--- Chaplin Joe Womack
Volley- Honor Guard
Taps- Detachment Bugler - Jim Reynolds

SOCIAL TIME-

Hamburger – Brats- Italian Sausage
Wonderful dishes to pass
World Class Desserts
Beverages (soft and hard)
Spouses invited - Bring a Dish to Pass & a Bag Chair
Make your own S'mores fireside
Fabulous Door Prizes
Games-Horseshoes- Bago Boards

NO RUSH TO LEAVE-

We will keep food and drinks available
Relax, enjoy the conversations and have FUN!!!!!!

DO WE KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING?

If not, please call us! (847) 220-1525

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard James Mims. He is a San Diego Staff Sergeant having served at Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune and aboard the USS Saipan LHA-2. He was discharged in 1988. For 22 years he worked in law enforcement with member Robert Smith.

Welcome aboard Russell Robbins who is a retired Gunnery Sergeant. He got out in 1998 having served at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton and Twenty-Nine Palms among other USMC locations. Russ has a wife and grandkids and lives in Wheeling.

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard John Owens a retired Navy Corpsman 1st Class Petty Officer. His FMF tour was at Camp Lejeune; he served the Navy in PA, SC, RI, HI, IL and Iceland. He lives with his wife in Wadsworth and has grandkids. He works as a supply chain director and rides motor cycles with members Sydow, Koncan and Cooper.

Welcome aboard Andres Morales, also a San Diego Marine, who was discharged as a Corporal in 2019. His MOS was 0481-Landing Support Specialist. He was stationed at Camp Foster/Zukeran Okinawa and Camp Lejeune. He lives with his wife in North Chicago, works as welder and loves baseball.



EAGLE SCOUTS



During April we presented five Ka-Bars; forty-two through ten months. We have seven scheduled through June.

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.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



From last year's Memorial Picnic.

Color and Honor Guard

We will be CHANGING PRACTICE DAYS STARTING IN MAY. PRACTICE WILL BE ON THE 2ND and the 4TH Wednesday of the month. First practice for May will be the 10th, and the next practice will be the 24th which is our MEMORIAL day picnic. For the month of May we have two rifle volleys the 24th at Foss park in North Chicago and the 29th in Lindenhurst.

Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander
PH# 847-641-9689

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

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 Foundation met on Friday, April 21st, at Steven's restaurant. All Directors were in attendance with the exception of Joe Wallace.

We reviewed the purpose of the Foundation, minutes and financial status. Our Mission is to provide financial assistance and support to all Veterans in Lake County. We discussed potential donations.

We voted 8 to 0 to donate \$1,000 to Veterans Closet and sponsor a hole at the Allen Lynch golf outing for \$900. Other donations were discussed and decided to table at this time.

We will conduct the Boat Load of Booze raffle starting in January of 2024. This is a major source of our funds and we conduct it every other year. Last year it raised \$15,500.

We presented a basket containing 2 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of Canadian Club along with candy and Dunkin Donut \$10 gift certificate as a thank you to Biller Press in Antioch for all the help they have given us in free printing of raffle tickets and flyers. The basket was at no cost.

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

PTSD Resources

Past copies of the Jarhead Journal can be viewed here:

www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters

Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

Websites:

www.mclnational.org – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

www.mcleaguelibrary.org – MCL national public documents / resources

www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library - Password (DD2), library holds meeting minutes, forms, national bylaws / administrative procedures manuals to include MCL uniform guidance and MCL awards guidance, etc.

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www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934 Department Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402 Detachment Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622 - MCL National Membership Committee

www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms - MCL Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade

www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles - USMC Sell Your Sh**!

Other:

www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague - Click “subscribe” for new content

www.instagram.com/hqmcl – MCL national Instagram

www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org – MODD Kennel website

www.nationalmcla.org – MCL national Auxiliary

www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league - MCL national LinkedIn

We encourage you all as members to visit these websites and social media pages. Take a look around and know all the resources available to you on these platforms. Please share this information with all members not only in leadership positions, but your Detachment members.

*Questions about any of these resources can be addressed directly to the **MCL** National Public Relations Committee for assistance.*

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