

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Over fifty members and guests attended the Pig Roast. The weather was great and the food was better. Hillary, the pig, didn't disappoint. There are many more pictures for you to view by clicking [HERE](#). The click will take you to our website. Be sure to scroll down the Home page to the link with all the images.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### The Jarhead Journal Published Monthly

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#### Detachment Officers

Commandant:	Charles Walgreen
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Judge Advocate:	Peter Karlovics
Paymaster:	Mel Ellingsen
Adjutant:	John Jezioro
Chaplain:	Joe Womack
Asst. Chaplin	MGYSgt. Wayne Carle
Sgt. at Arms:	Carter Mitchell
Color Guard Commander	Ed Mampe
Quartermaster:	Frank Contee
Va Hospital Visits:	Nada Sydow
Junior Past Commandant	Ed Mampe
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen
Fun Chairman:	Al Seyler

Our next meeting is scheduled for

26 September (Tuesday)

**Start Time 1830**

**Steven's Restaurant**



#### Where Stuff Is

1. 2023 Inaugural Pig Roast
2. Where Stuff Is
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During our August meeting the Detachment recognized all the members who helped out collecting donations. Commandant Charles Walgreen singled out Adjutant John Jezioro presenting him with a Meritorious Commendation for being the only member to attend all the fund raising events. Big Thank You, John!!!!

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

**I AM A MARINE**

**NEVER GIVE UP-NEVER SURRENDER**

Happy 107-year Birthday to our United States Marine Corps Reserve!!

President Woodrow Wilson signed the Naval Appropriations Act of 1916 which established the Marine Corps reserve on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

During World War One the Marine Corps Reserve had 3 officers and 32 enlisted marines. When the war ended, they had 6,000 reservists. Today there are 40,000 Marine Corps Reservists who reinforce active-duty Marines during a war and national emergencies.

Next month is our officer election. I encourage all members to attend our detachment meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of September) and VOTE.

“The difficult Marines do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer.”

Outstanding! Oorah!

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message August 2023

August is a wonderful month of the year. It's a great opportunity to get outside, enjoy nature's bounty and soak up the last bit of summer before colder temperatures arrive. Take a moment to enjoy the warm weather, spend time with loved ones and savor the last days of summer before they slip away.

Our League 801 has experienced a fortuitous first 8 months of the year and the Lord has graciously provided us with success in our early collection efforts (shake the can); also, in adding new members. A hearty welcome goes out to all who have recently joined us. It is refreshing to see the family grow!

Once again, let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves and reach out with a kind word and expression of empathy when possible.

It looks like we may be blessed with good weather for the pig roast on Saturday. Look forward to seeing you there.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

# Membership Renewal

Annual Notice  
Expires 31 August



**Renew today with your  
local Detachment Paymaster**

It's that time of the year to pay your annual dues. Still \$35. Bring a check, cash or credit card to the next meeting or pay on-line at:

<https://lakecountymarines.com/pay-your-dues-here>



This is the MCL 100 year anniversary ribbon on sale for \$6.50 each. See Quartermaster Frank Contee at a meeting. All active MCL members are authorized to wear this ribbon on their undress uniform white shirt. Order of preference to be determined at the National Convention this August; blue towards the wearer's right (not as pictured).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MEETING DATES**

**26 September - 4th Tuesday - Election of Officers-1830**

**17 October - 3rd Tuesday - Installation Dinner-1800**

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



**Nolan Webster**

Nolan joined the Corps in 1998 and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant in 2022. His MOS was 7041, Marine Aviation Operations Specialist. He started at MCRD San Diego, did tours with 4th MALV, UMFA-112, HMLA-175, AC2T and Paris Island.

He lives in Libertyville with his wife and children. He is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and likes to do magic tricks.

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Linda Smolich

Linda is the widow of Tom Smolich (Life member) who we lost last year. She lives in Beach Park with her Sheltie. She loves to garden and work with her church committees. She has participated in our activities since Tom joined the detachment in 2010.

We were so please that she helped us Shake the Can recently.



## EAGLE SCOUTS



Two Eagle Scouts, one Girl Scout Gold Award to sister.  
That's Leo Mordini's grandson on the left.



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

We have practice every second and fourth Wednesdays, at the Gurnee American Legion at 1830. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.

Ed Mampe  
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

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

Last month, the week after the Jarhead Journal was distributed, I received a phone call from one of our members telling me that after reading “SMED SAID”, he made arrangements to get his Shingles vaccination. I told him, that years ago, when my Bride’s sister (Sue) caught it and her eye swelled closed (as did mine), it never opened again. She lost the sight in that eye. Marine or not, her episode scared me “spitless”! My right eye is my “shootin’ eye! Thanks for the phone-call Richard, you may have a reaction from the vaccination, but nowhere near the symptoms as you would receive from Shingles! Okay, enough! Let’s get on with this month’s rendition.

Way back, when I was in my mid 20’s, I was introduced to John a friend of my father’s. At the time, John was an automobile re-possessor, and was a pretty tough and crusty old guy. Dad told me John was in the Rangers (and I presumed at the time it was the U.S. Army). Also, he had a rather impressive collection of World War II weapons and other military type gear. Several years after meeting John, I actually bought a “repo” from him which was a 1964 Chevy Chevelle Hard-Top, small block V-8, four in the floor with posi-traction. (I did dote on that car, but that is another story!) The Zion Police Department, in those days often relied on part time “Specials” to round out manpower on week-ends and holidays. John was hired as one of those “Specials” and often worked holidays and week-end evenings. Back then, there was no one riding “shotgun”, all patrols were solo.

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One late Saturday evening, (the story was told), John spotted a car heading north through town on Sheridan Road at an extremely high rate of speed. He pulled it over six blocks north at St. Rt. #173 and Sheridan Road to discover it held six older teenagers. He radioed the Police Station, located at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Sheridan Road for assistance....none was available. He could not fit six large teens into his squad car so he improvised. He lined them all up along the highway, had them place their hands over their heads and 'Perp-marched' them single file eight blocks down the middle of Sheridan Road to the Police Station and "booked" them. They all spent the evening in the Zion jail. As I said earlier, he was one tough, crusty old guy. For years that episode left a pretty impressionable picture in my mind. The following Monday, John was called into the mayor's office for an explanation of Saturday evening's event, and was promptly relieved of his "Special Police" status. You see, one of the six lads marched down Sheridan Road was the mayor's son.

Years have passed until recently while reading about D-Day 1942, it mentioned the role Carlson's Raiders played on Guadalcanal. It suddenly dawned on me, John wasn't in the U.S. Army. He was a Marine in Carlson's Raiders of the Second Battalion, the first United States special operations forces to form and see combat during World War II. All those years I knew John, other than admitting he was a Carlson Raider, he would not discuss his military background, not even with his spouse Joyce. You don't know what you don't know! All that time, I rubbed shoulders with history and did not know it. Sure do wish we could still get together for a cup of coffee.

Rest in Peace John Hanlon! Semper Fi!

And now you know the rest of the story!

**NOW! GO GET THAT SHINGLES VACCINATION!**

SMED

# **Election of Officers**

## **26 September 2023**

Our by-laws require that we go through a nomination process one month before our Officer Election and again prior to the election itself, that evening . The following members were nominated during our 15 August 2023 for Detachment 801 positions:

Charles Walgreen - Commandant

Hank Landrau - Sr. Vice Commandant

Allan Perez - Jr. Vice Commandant

Mel Ellingsen - Paymaster

John Jezioro - Adjutant

Peter Karlovics - Judge Advocate

### **Members nominated for the Foundation:**

Al Seyler - President & Board Member

Jerry Pedrin - Secretary & Board Member

Mel Ellingsen - Treasurer & Board Member

Warren Blacklock - Board Member

Ed Mampe - Board Member

Jim Sroka - Board Member

Col. Jim Swab - Board Member

Charles Walgreen - Board Member

Joe Wallace - Board Member

**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 outstanding requests for assistance at this time.

We are Sponsoring a hole at the Al Lynch "Swinging for Vets" golf outing on August 18<sup>th</sup>.



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***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](http://www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters)**

## Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

### Websites:

[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org) – MCL national public documents / resources

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library](http://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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\_\_\_\_\_ <https://lakecountymarines.com> \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment website

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/mclnational](http://www.facebook.com/mclnational) - MCL National

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733) Chicago Area MC Co-Council

[www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955](http://www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955) 2<sup>nd</sup> District Facebook

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934) Department Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402](http://www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402) Detachment Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard) - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

[www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622](http://www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622) - MCL National Membership Committee

[www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms) - MCL Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade

[www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections) - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

[www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles](http://www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles) - USMC Sell Your Sh\*\*!

### Other:

[www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague](http://www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague) - Click “subscribe” for new content

[www.instagram.com/hqmcl](http://www.instagram.com/hqmcl) – MCL national Instagram

[www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org](http://www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org) – MODD Kennel website

[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org) – MCL national Auxiliary

[www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league](http://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.*

[publicrelations@mcleague.org](mailto:publicrelations@mcleague.org)