

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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ST. PADDY'S DAY MEETING

TUESDAY. MARCH 21st

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 and Sroka!!

We will also have some games along with "Best Dressed" where 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, salad and dessert. You know Steven's has great food!! This is a "don't miss Event".

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

21 March (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Medal of Honor
Recipient was Marine Cpl. Robert
Emmet O'Malley.



Where Stuff Is

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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

Every February the United States honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape our nation. February was chosen because both Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas have birthdays.

This month, I would like to honor a true American hero and Force Recon Marine legend who participated in over 50 classified missions, fought in five major campaigns, wounded 19 times in battle and is one of the most decorated African American to serve.

Major James Capers Jr. (August 25, 1937 – Drive On!) is the first African American Marine on a recruitment poster in 1967 titled “Ask A Marine.” Major James Capers Jr. was the first African American officer in a Marine special operation to receive a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant and was the first African American to command a Marine Reconnaissance company. He received a Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars and 3 Purple Hearts and is nominated for the Medal of Honor.

His life story is in print titled “Faith Through the Storm: Memoirs of James Capers Jr.”

Today the Gary and Dottie Capers Foundation (nonprofit in memory of his beloved wife and beautiful son) continues to offer financial support to all that strive to mitigate barriers to success while reducing the sense of helplessness that struggle creates.

Please join me in saluting this Marine who truly sacrificed and contributed to our beloved Marine Corps.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome Marines and Corpsman

The chill of February is coming to a close and the warmth of March is just around the corner.

Last Friday night members of 801 attended an inspiring event for former Commandant, "Marty" Smith. For those who were unable to attend, it was the strongest demonstration of Marine unity and camaraderie I have witnessed in my short time as Chaplain. My best guess would estimate there were 40 to 50 Marines in attendance from Lake County, Tri-County Leathernecks and Mc Henry County, to pay their respect.

Kudos go out to our Color and Honor Guards for their participation.

This is a time to remember in our prayers members currently experiencing unfortunate stress and discomfort: Art Castillo, Jerry Pedrin, Jim Reynolds and Jim Rinehardt. May their healing be swift.

As we prepare to reunite for our St Patrick's Day celebration let us all take a moment to give thanks to the Lord for allowing us this opportunity. In closing let us not forget to reach out with a kind word to our fellow members less fortunate than ourselves.

Joseph Womack

Chaplain

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

24 MAY 2023

LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Ted Notz!! He is a Paris Island Marine who enlisted in 1961. Was discharged in 1966 as a Corporal (E4) with various MOS'. After the Corps, he attend college and law school. Yes, he is a retired attorney.

He is married with children and grandchildren and lives in Lake Forest. He learned about us from a detachment recruiting flyer one of us placed on his wife's windshield.

St. Patrick's Day Party!

Tuesday, March 21st @18:30

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
At Steven's Restaurant
Plus O'Hare Irish Dancers**



We'll have games and a "Best Dressed" contest.

This is a don't miss event – sign-up now!!

Steven's Restaurant in Gurnee
401 N Riverside Dr, Gurnee, IL
LakeCountyMarines.com

It's that time to break out your Irish digs for our St Paddy's Day meeting and dinner! We need to know who is attending so we can buy food. Members and their significant other are invited.

[Please click here to let us know you'll be there.](#)

Or, call Patrick Fegan at (773) 875-4643.

Fun Committee

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You never know what the Fun group are cooking up next. Last month we had a fresh batch of Suribachi Jungle Juice served in a volcano replica of Mt. Suribachi for our toast to the men that landed on Iwo Jima 78 years ago.

Aye. The next meeting is our St. Paddy's day celebration. Invite the spouses, serve Corn Beef and Cabbage (don't forget to sign up for the dinner so they know how much to cook), best dressed contest and Irish smiles, laughs and good times. It is one of the most fun meetings of the year. Don't miss it.

BE THERE !!!



EAGLE SCOUTS



During February, we presented three Ka-Bars/.

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



Color and Honor Guard

The Color Guard did a rifle volley for a Korean Veteran on February 18th and for Marty Smith on the 24th. (Can you see the empty shells flying above?)

If you would like to join the Color Guard, just see Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander. Please call me for details, (847) 641-9689.

We changed our practice location to the Gurnee American Legion, 2nd floor, (across from Primo) every other Thursday - 9 March 2023 beginning at 1830 until 1930.

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

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.

We are trying to use the electronic request system for Grants at Wal-Mart. We have placed a request with Zion and if that works we will do more.

The Foundation does not have any requests from individuals in need at this time. We currently have several Board Members away on vacation and when they return we will have a meeting.

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundation

Related Military Links to Click

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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

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