

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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INAUGURAL PIG ROAST 2023

Where- Al & Kathi Seyler's house
14304 Deer Creek Road
Wadsworth, Il. 60083

When- Saturday - August 26th
1:00pm -Snacks & Drinks
3:00pm- Pig Picking

What to Bring- Bag chair -Dessert to pass
-BYOB-Wine & Appetite

Cost O - Zero -Zip . We stood at
Jewel and shook the can to
raise money. Thank you

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

15 August (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Steven's Restaurant

INAUGURAL PIG
ROAST 2023

Will you be joining us? We'd like to see everyone enjoy the afternoon at our 1st Annual Pig Roast. See more details on page 10.



*Pit Boss Al Seyler
says "Join us for a good
time".*

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP-NEVER SURRENDER

We Marines all know that the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution that established two battalions of the Continental Marines on November 10, 1775.

But did you know, the Continental Marine Corps was disbanded after the Revolutionary War in 1783 and ceased to exist for 15 years. The reason was due to the economy at that time. The government auctioned off the warships and the Continental Marines ended. Major Samuel Nicholas, the first Marine Officer, returned to his former occupation as owner of Tun Tavern.

On July 11, 1798, the United States Marine Corps was established by Congress under the command of the Navy. The act passed by the 5th congress and signed into law by President John Adams. President Adams created a 900-man Marine Corps that included 1 Major, 4 Captains, 28 Lieutenants, 100 Sergeants and Corporals and more than 700 privates.

So, for over 123 years the Marine Corps birthday was celebrated in July.

Then in 1921 Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John A. Lejeune suggested the Marine Corps celebrate its earlier birthday November 10th despite that 15-year gap.

Wishing you all this month of July a Happy 247 years of Freedom on Independence Day and 248 years of Esprit de Corps!!!

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen
Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message, July 2023

July is historically called the dog days of Summer, due to it's being the beginning of hot summer days. We have certainly had our fair share of heat, humidity and smoke covered skies to keep us uncomfortable, and contribute to that axiom.

With all of the craziness in the world, this is an ideal time to thank the Lord for the abundance of riches and sane life we do enjoy and to get our heads on straight to face the unknown challenges ahead.

It is our faith, trust and belief, in our God, that will ultimately provide the insight and strength to help us through these troubled waters. Let us not forget that when it gets darkest the stars come out!

This is also an excellent time to keep your eye out for a less fortunate friend, who may welcome a cheerful Hello.

Lastly, the Pig Roast at Al Seyler's house, Saturday, August 26, is just around the corner. What a great time to chat, laugh and celebrate the end of summer with fellow Marines and families. 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 \$7.50 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MEETING DATES

15 August 2023 - 3rd Tuesday

26 September - 4th Tuesday - Election of Officers

17 October - 3rd Tuesday - Installation Dinner

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Carter Mitchell

Carter joined the Corps in 1975 enjoying the scenery at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He joined the Wing as a Aviation Photo Film Processor, MOS 6675. He developed photos at MCAS El Toro, CA, MCAS Iwakuni Japan and Camp Smedley Butler on Okinawa. Carter left active duty in 1979 as a Corporal (E-4).

Carter is married and has two sons. He lives in Lake Villa and worked until retired as a software engineer.



EAGLE SCOUTS



Commandant Walgreen presented a Ka-Bar to the grandson of our Honorary Life Member and MoH recipient Allan Lynch. During July we presented eleven Ka-Bars to ten Eagle Scouts and one Gold Award Girl Scout.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

The color guard honored two falling Marines this month John Hintz and Scott Rankin we will also presented colors at the Lake county Fair 7/26/2023. Click the picture above to watch us in action. We have practice every second and forth 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

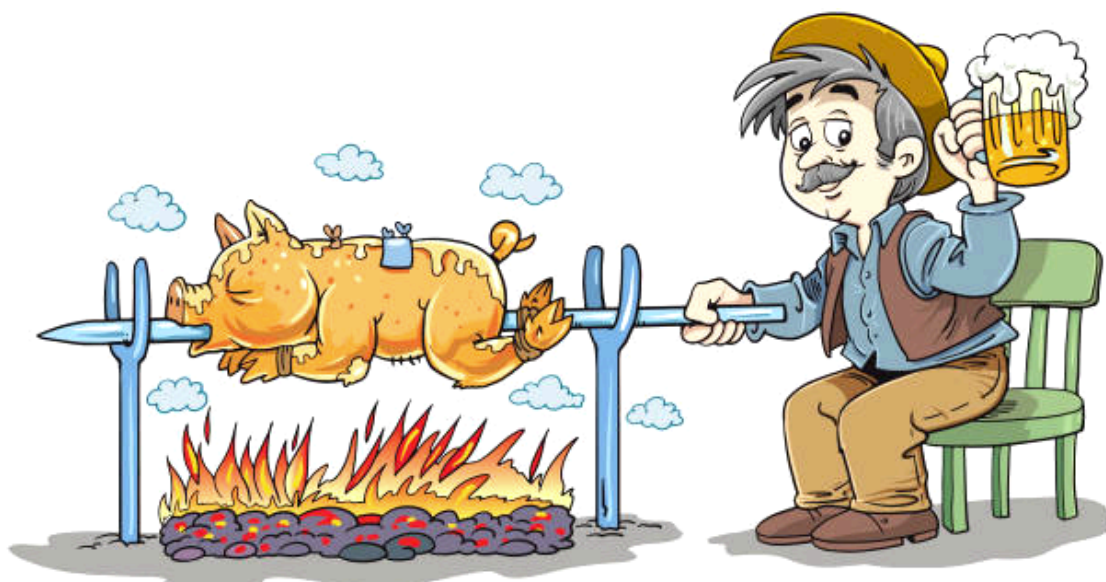
CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



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



PIG ROAST DETAILS

We will not be celebrating any holiday. We will not have a Color Guard. There will be no formal speeches...or Agenda.

What will we do?

We will just have our Members and their spouse/guest and have a fun day. Relax, laugh, swap stories. Get to know and enjoy each other.

We will eat.

We will have a WHOLE PIG rotating over a fire on a spit. We will have Baked Beans, Cold Slaw and rolls. Please bring a dessert to pass and a lawn / bag chair to sit on.

We will drink.

We will have cold soft drinks, beer and coffee. BYOB and wine.

We will play.

Games such as Bago, Horseshoes, Badminton will be set up. We'll also have Bubble Blowing, Hula-Hoop and other things to do.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

July has been a busy month here!

Three years ago, as you might remember, we bought a “winter” residence in Land O’ Lakes, Florida with the idea of living here for the cold winter months and returning to Illinois to enjoy the Summers. (WUS!)

Keeping track of both locations proved to be very intensive to say nothing of tiring, so last Autumn we sold the place in Illinois and became full time Florida residents.

This entailed changing automobile titles, plates, voter’s registration, mailing addresses, fishing license, as well as contacting all subscription services. It also meant closing out all “utility” services; water, gas, garbage pick-up, electricity and cable services. All health care services had to be transferred to Florida.

We were no sooner settled in the new location than we discovered a “six” month planned residence was not working comfortably for living in full time, but we made it work. We really enjoyed our new surroundings.

There were still boxes piled “dog tag” high that remained unpacked from our move in October 2022. The garage did contain both cars and Miss Ruby, however it was useless for anything else (using the workbench and tools?) due to the piles of boxes.

We did not want to move again, we really liked our new neighborhood, but were cramped at Ballast Crest Cove. We saw a larger place seven blocks away, made an offer that was accepted, started repacking and moved over the Fourth of July week-end. This one (Ship Wheel Way) has three bedrooms, three baths, larger Living/Dining area and a larger Lanai. I am still not sure what “Lanai” means. In the North it is called a back deck. I refer to it as “my Serenity Deck”. It has a great view, my chair is always available and is only a few steps away from a replacement cold beverage.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Once again, there are boxes stacked “dog tag” high. Much of our packing material was eagerly consumed by others for their moves which involved storing in the garage until they could retrieve them but I am on a first name basis with the trash pick-up guy who hauled away the empty boxes and packing paper the others did not.

After residing on “SWW” for three weeks, we decided we liked the refrigerator we left at BCC better than here (same brand, different model), so arrangements were made for the moving company to return and switch them out which required removing front doors at both places in 90 degree temps. (Plan ahead?)

In the meantime, the Realtor we had contacted had scheduled a photographer to be at “BCC” yesterday and we returned from doctor’s appointments to discover the front venetian blinds had been raised too high and were jammed, which necessitated returning with ladder and tools to correct. Man, they were jammed!

As I stated, “returned from doctor’s appointments”. Five days ago, I discovered pain along my right jaw. Thinking my last remaining wisdom tooth was the cause, made an appointment with a new Dentist to check it out. Two days later, symptoms reoccurred from my exposure to the Moderna COVID19 inoculation three years ago requiring meds to this day. The next day my right eye was swollen shut and very painful. I called my Primary Care provider and he diagnosed “Shingles”, and sent me to an Ophthalmologist as well as my Rheumatologist for verification. Yep!! Shingles it is.

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Now, I don't know if any of you have neglected to receive your Shingles Vaccination as have I, but I strongly recommend you hesitate no longer. Shingles brings on pain like I have never experienced before and required powerful meds to get through. Several sleepless nights just pacing the floor and "cussing"! **GET THE SHOT**, I implore you.

Things have eased tremendously over the past two days. Pain has mostly resided. Last night, slept like a baby. Will continue meds for another ten days, and treating residual pain with Tylenol (double strength). All is good.

Actually, the Shingles appeared in a timely fashion. I was scheduled to drive to Red Lake, Ontario with daughter and son-in-law for a week of Walleye/Northern Pike fishing. Had it occurred one week later, I would have been "hosed" to be in the "wilderness" without adequate health care facilities (maybe the local Health Clinic where they would have burned Sage and wafted it over me). I am thankful for the timing, even though it is not pleasant. **GET THE SHINGLES VACCINATION!**

Tomorrow, we pick up a Grade School girlfriend of my Bride's (dating back to early 1950) at the airport. She will be visiting for a week. (The week I was to be in Canada, fishing.) I often ponder the "normal" progression of events.

Life is still good!

Incidentally, our new address (for the Detachment Roster) is;

19085 Ship Wheel Way
Land O' Lakes, FL

34638-5822

Oh, and did I mention?

GET THE SHINGLES VACCINE!

SEMPER FIDELIS my FRIENDS

See ya next month?

SMED

Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

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President- Al Seyler

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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 18th.

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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

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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/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)

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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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