

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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We celebrated the 248th USMC Birthday on the 10 November and have been collecting donations and toys for Toys for Tots.

Click here to view videos from the Birthday Party.

<https://youtu.be/ruYNA4s3Vjg>

<https://youtu.be/aldRenXwRCY>

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Our next meeting is scheduled for
19 December (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830

Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest

Steven's Restaurant



Who is this Marine? Get the answer
at the next meeting on 19 December.

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Marines, November is our month to Remember. It is a month of celebration, thankfulness, and remembrance of all Marines and FMF Corpsman that GAVE all they had so we could Carry On.

What a glorious November it has been. We had 75 members, spouses, immediate family and active-duty Marines singing the Marine's Hymn. A special shout out to Al Seyler who organized the ceremonial details and all who volunteered to make our 248th Marine Corps Birthday outstanding!

Toys For Tots has been a big success at Walmart stores every Saturday this month. Every weekend event has had active-duty Marines in their finest dress blues and that gets all civilians attention. Thank you, Hank Landrau, for making this happen and all Detachment Members that volunteered their time on Saturdays so Lake County children can be filled with the holiday joy of having a new toy.

Wishing all Marines and FMF Corpsman a Happy Thanksgiving Day, our one day without eating C-rations and MREs.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message November 2023

Thanksgiving Day and fall foliage, with its beauty and charm is behind us and now it is time to move on to the real winter months with their chill, ice, snow and bitter weather, rapidly approaching.

While it may be getting darker and drearier outside; let us not fall victim to the error of thinking the world around us is only darkness. Hope...not fear or despair. Hope means that even in darkness we look forward confidently for the light. Don't ever forget: when it gets the darkest; the stars come out. With our trust and belief in the Lord we will get thru these troubled times.

On a happier note, it was great to witness the large turnout for our 248th Marine Corps Birthday party and for those of you unable to attend we look forward to seeing you in the future. It was refreshing to observe the good time enjoyed by all and the camaraderie and warmth shown by our members and families.

Cheers and thanks go out to all those who have given their time and support for our league's programs. Happy Holidays!

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Mike Brooker joined the detachment in November just a few years since leaving the Corps in 1968. Cpl Brooker worked in Motor T with a 3500 MOS. He is a Vietnam veteran and spent time at Camp Pendleton, and Treasure Island. He is married and likes to fish and do yard work. His home is in Winthrop Harbor.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

The Color Guard stood at Present Arms along with Paul Baumunk, founder and past chairman of the Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial Commission on Veteran's Day. Later they fired a Rifle Volley honoring all our Veterans.

We have practice on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month at the American Legion in Gurnee at 1830.

Ed Mampe, Color Guard Commander
(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. Veterans closet is still giving food and clothing away to those in need.

[Click here for their website.](#)

After a very long hiatus from the VA Hospital visits, we will resume detachment visits every other Thursday from 1300 to 1500 in the nursing home floors and the Green House nursing homes.

Call Nada at (904) 994-5942 for more information.

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then

“SMED”

said....

Stand Up!

Sometimes it is difficult to fit in with other's beliefs and/or desires. Other times, I just do not wish to!

Case in Point; Recently, while attending a musical event, it was ended with a rousing rendition of Country Writer/Performer Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A.", (which is one of my favorites).

As usual, when this piece is performed, at least one in the audience will rise and begin walking through the assembled group exhorting the others to stand and show their "love for this country." God Bless The U.S.A. is a beautifully written song, and as I said, "I love it", but I do not stand during its' rendition to demonstrate my love of Country.

I stand when the American Flag is posted, retired or passes in a parade,
I stand when a lady enters a room,
I stand for the National Anthem,
I stand for TAPS,
I stand for the Marine Corps Hymn,
I stand for the Battle Hymn of The Republic, during the "Hallelujah Chorus".

I do not stand for any other musical piece, religious or patriotic. As much as I enjoy nearly all musical genres, I do not stand for "Columbia-Gem of the Ocean", a rendition of "America, The Beautiful", or even "Y.M.C.A". or Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline".

I standup for my Country without needing encouragement by others during a "patriotic type' song. I am perfectly willing to reach into my pocket to retrieve my "Dog-Tags" and reveal them to anyone interested in my commitment to "standing up", while stating, "I showed you mine, now show me yours"!

I have carried those "tags" every day since graduating from Boot Camp many years ago.

Proud to be an American!

Proud to be a United States Marine!

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There are no new requests for assistance at this time.

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The above picture is of Rick Prescott (Time????) who is our 2nd District Department of Illinois MCL Commandant. Many of you met him at our Officer Installation and Awards Dinner in October. Rick put together the 17 February conference (below) and is trying to get the 2nd District detachments to grow and learn from each other's successes and failures with quarterly meetings. Any MCL member is invited to attend this All Hands Conference starting at 1100. It's free-lunch provided, we need a head count so:

Call Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 and let him know you'll be attending.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DISTRICTS

ALL HANDS CONFERENCE

LUNCH WITH MAJGEN
JAMES W. LUKEMAN
(USMC RET)

FEBRUARY 17th, 2024

3155 Blackhawk Drive,
Building 701,
Fort Sheridan, IL 60037

Get your ticket from
Eventbrite

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

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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)

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

Other:

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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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