

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Photos from 2022 meeting. Thank you officers and staff, congratulations to Marine of the Year Larry Lingen, passing of Colors to Commandant Walgreen and swearing in of leadership.

Are you attending the 2023 Officer Installation and Dinner? Please, PLEASE, call 847-274-8144 and let us know you'll be there. Or [CLICK HERE](#) to email us. Please get back to us by Sunday, 8 October. The meeting starts at 1800 (6:00 PM) on 17 October at Steven's.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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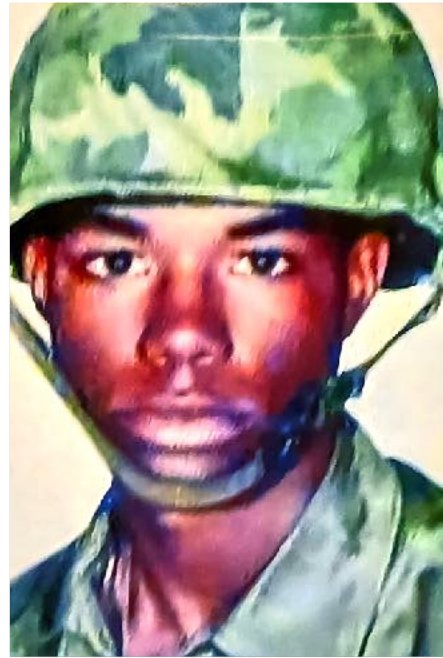
Our next meeting is scheduled for

17 October (Tuesday)

Start Time 1800

Officer Install Mtg

Steven's Restaurant



Where Stuff Is

1. 2023 Officer Installation Mtg and Dinner
2. Where Stuff Is
3. Commandant's Chat
4. Chaplain's Corner
5. Annual Dues
6. Welcome Aboard
7. Eagle Scouts
8. Color Guard
9. VA Hospital Visits
10. 248th USMC Birthday Celebration
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13. Foundation
14. Related Military Links
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Who is this Marine? Get the answer at the Officer Installation Meeting and Dinner.



Start thinking Toys for Tots for 2023. We did well last year!



COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AMA MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Elections are now closed, and Officers are now ready to be installed next month at our installation Dinner October 17th.

I personally want to thank the entire Detachment #801 for electing me as Commandant for another one-year term. It is truly an honor to be in this elected position that represents and serves you, Marines and FMF Corpsmen. A special appreciation to my Staff, Sr. Vice Commandant, Hank Landrau, Jr. Vice Commandant, Allan Perez, Paymaster, Mel Ellingsen, Adjutant, John Jezioro, Judge Advocate, Peter Karlovics and Chaplain, Joe Womack.

A big Oorah to David Pedrin for his many tireless years as Quartermaster and now Frank Contee.

Securing the hatches and setting up all meetings is the responsibility of the Sergeant at Arms. A big thank you to Patrick Fegan and now Carter Mitchell for performing those monthly duties (let's not forget the 50/50 raffle).

Oorah to all the new MCL Detachment members that once again stepped onto the yellow footprints. They are, Thomas Martinez, LtCol Fidel Arroyo, Ted Notz, James Mims, Russell Robbins, John Owens, Andres Morales, SgtMaj Shawn Isaacson, Jonathon Kellogg, Carter Mitchell, Nolan Webster, Linda Smolich and Jimmy Young.

What a great year it has been with all of you. Thank you for stepping up and volunteering and sharing your valuable time making Detachment #801 the best damn detachment in the Nation!

The Marine that says Can Do, and the man that says he can't is routinely right.

Semper Fi,

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message September 2023

September is the time of year when many awareness months are celebrated. POW/MIA Recognition Day, Child Cancer Awareness Month and Prostate Cancer Awareness Month are just a few examples. Also, included are Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month and National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Changes-changes, and more changes. There are changes that will have a direct impact on our institutions, laws, and personal views. Is there anything above reproach? Black Socks now go with Cammies—says the Marine Corps Times and Marines will now be allowed to grow the "bulk of their hair" three inches long. Turban head covers, integrated Boot Camp etc.?

According to the Marine Corps these, and other changes are an effort to positively impact diversity, equity and inclusion.

What next? How do we deal with all of these changes---the way Marines have always—adapt, refocus and charge ahead.

Fellow Marines—take a moment and thank the good lord that we served when we did and won't be constantly faced with these new dynamics.

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>

The following member's dues need to be paid ASAP.

Arroyo	Fegan	Murray	Pavlick	Welch
Bahe	Garcia	Martinez	Perez	
Barclay	Gretz	Miller	Robbins	
Bastean	Hernandez	Mims	Stancin	
Butrim	Idleburg	Morales	Staben	
Cummings	Jaeger	Navar	Szempruch	

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard Jimmy Young! He enlisted in 1994 and enjoyed a few weeks at MCRD San Diego getting organized. He left active duty in 1998 as a LCpl. He spent time serving at Bangor WA (as he said, watching the nukes), Camp Pendleton, and Camp Hansen. Jimmy lives in Gurnee.



EAGLE SCOUTS



Girls earn Eagle Scout Awards too!



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

First time with help from MACG 48 at Wrigley Field on Labor Day!!

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.

We're going to be very busy during November on the 11th.

0900 Colors at Brookdale-Vernon Hills

1030 Rifle Volley at Lindenhurst

1200 Colors at Mission BBQ

1800 Colors at Lake County Community Pageant - CLC

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.](#)

Nada Sydow

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.

FUN COMMITTEE

We're starting to plan for the 248th USMC Birthday on 10 November, Friday starting at 1800 at the Gurnee American Legion - 2nd Floor.

Call Carol Mampe at (847) 546-4320

or Al Seyler at (847) 220-1525 to help out.

Remember the 247th celebration?





and

then

“SMED”

WHETHER the WEATHER

*I've looked at clouds from both sides now, from up above and still somehow,
It's clouds illusions I recall. I really don't know clouds at all.*

Joni Mitchell – 1988 (CLOUDS)

To all my Marine Corps League Brothers and Sisters in Lake County,
Semper Fi!

I have been fascinated by clouds and weather since my eighth-grade science class when my instructor (Miss White) introduced our class to a chapter on cloud formations and then tutored me as I constructed a barometer from a shoe polish tin, a paper clip, broom straw and string. I have been “hooked” ever since.

For over thirty years, I subscribed to the Chicago Tribune to check on WGN's weatherman's (Tom Skilling) back page. He was my “go to GURU” for weather. Also, every night for over thirty years, I would watch Jerry Taft on ABC to see how his report coincided with Tom's.

In later years, when we were invited over to my Brides' Garden Club friend to view her garden, I spotted a very sophisticated rain gauge and asked where she bought it. She told me she was introduced to an organization through her son who was a meteorologist working with Tom Skilling. “Wait! “What? “Tom Skilling?”

Her son, Sam was currently staying at Skilling's home in Alaska while on some assignment.

The organization originating the gauge was called CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network) which was established in Fort Collins, Colorado on 17-June-1998, and staffed by volunteers in nearly every state recording daily precipitation for the meteorology info fed into various weather stations across the U. S. for later broadcasting.

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This was too good to be true. I had to join this group. I applied, attended a training session in Grayslake and bought the gauge. I was assigned the Station number #IL-LK-27 (the 27th location in Illinois @ Lake County) which I held for over twelve years recording daily rain, snow or hail. Early on, after reporting the average days snowfall I received an e-mail stating my figures did not match their model for water content. I replied stating my method of recording and quoted a maxim followed for over fifteen years working in a chemistry lab, "when in doubt, throw it out". About a week or two later, I received another e-mail stating they were using a model which was balanced to the drier snows of Colorado and did not take into consideration the "wetter" snows occurring in the mid-western states. They were changing their model to rectify this difference. I was very pleased to have been able to play a part in this change.

Last month, after moving and not recording any info for nearly a year, I called Ft. Collins and requested my "Illinois Station" be closed down. I also asked for a new Florida Station designation and am now #FL-PS-88.

I remain fascinated with the ability to use my phone app to check the amount of precipitation recorded in nearly every county in any of the states for the past twenty-four hours.

If any of you may have a similar interest, let me know. I would be happy to share this information with you. It is just one more reason for me to be outside.

See all of you next month?

Semper Fidelis my friends.

SMED

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Lake County 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 has made a donation to Grayslake Central High School in the amount of \$500.00 for their Program to send Care packages to deployed Marines. They do an excellent job and this is the 6th year we have supported them.

There are no other requests for assistance at this time.

Elections were held at the September Meeting and the Board of Directors and Officers were all re-elected to serve another term. Installation and swearing in will take place at the October Awards and Installation Dinner.

Al Seyler
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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

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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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/mclnational - MCL National

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733 Chicago Area MC Co-Council

www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955 2nd District Facebook

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.militaryorderofthedevidogs.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.*

publicrelations@mcleague.org