

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Will you be in the 22 May 2024 Memorial Day Picnic Picture?  
Please join us starting at 11:00 am. Bring a dish to pass.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Our next meeting is scheduled for  
21 May (Tuesday)  
Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm  
Steven's Restaurant

#### Where Stuff Is

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Its the classic story..I know a guy. On the far left is Tom Lents whose hobby is making pens. Ed and Carol Mampe learned of him at church. Tom took spent M-1 shell casings and made a pen for each of the color guard. They were presented at the April meeting.

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

**I AM A MARINE  
NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!**

Our Memorial Day picnic is Wednesday May 22nd at beautiful Foss Park located at 1901 Foss Park Ave. North Chicago.

Where we will honor all our fallen Detachment 801 members. Since 2005 we have lost 60 Marines to guard heavens gates.

Our beautiful United States of America flag of 13 stripes for the 13 original colonies, 50 stars for the 50 states of our nation, red representing hardiness and valor, blue representing vigilance and justice and white representing purity and innocence will be flying proud.

We need YOUR esprit de corps to volunteer and be present where our fallen detachment members can only be present in our hearts.

Semper Fi  
Charles Walgreen  
Commandant

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Chaplain's Message - April 2024**

It's April and once again we are fortunate to enjoy the long-awaited arrival of Spring; the chill of winter is nearly over and it's time to enjoy the warmer weather and the awakening of our spirits.

April is also recognized as Stress Awareness Month, Alcohol Awareness Month and National Volunteer Month. We live in a very stress filled time and we have all come face to face with Stress—the key is to recognize the stress factors and not allow them to take control. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate, eat healthy and well-balanced meals, exercise regularly and get plenty of sleep. Get active. Almost any form of activity can act as a stress reliever.

National Volunteer Month--this is an ideal time for us to not only support our cause but to step forward and volunteer whenever possible.

There is no better way to accomplish that then by sharing in our recruiting of new members and participating in our fundraising efforts. Sharing past experiences and laughing together is a great cathartic.

Lastly, looking forward to seeing you all at our Memorial Day Cookout, Foss Park, North Chicago, Wednesday, May 22, 11:00 AM. There, we will honor and salute our fallen members and follow with good food and loads of fun.

Semper Fi!  
Joe Womack  
Chaplain

**Spring has sprung!!!**  
**The tulips are blooming!!!**

Time to get off your Blooming Butts and get with the Program.

**MEMORIAL and COOKOUT**  
**Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11:00 am**  
**Foss Park**

**MEMORIAL -**

The Members of 801 now guarding the streets of heaven will be Honored with the reading of their Names, firing a rifle Volley and playing Taps.

**COOKOUT – Fun and Games begins!!**  
**Fabulous Burgers, Door Prizes, Games, Music.**  
**Bring a Dish to pass and bag chair to sit on.**

**HELP NEEDED - Work party to set up Canopies, Tables, Grills, Games Etc. -- 9:30 at the Park. Clean up crew when done.**



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

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

Join us as we present Colors at the 25th First Responders Expo Celebration at Gurnee Mills Parking Lot E - 12:30 -2pm.

We are scheduled for Memorial Day in Lindenhurst. Color Guard assemble at 1000.

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.



## EAGLE SCOUTS



We are getting more and more requests to present Ka-Bars to new Eagle Scouts. As of this publication, we have ten presentations scheduled. Here is Joe Wallace making a presentation.

I am always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair



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“SMED”

said.....

### HEROES

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

Have you ever thought, “Who are my heroes?” Oh, I don’t mean like Hopalong Cassidy, or Superman or ones like that. I am referring to your mentors, the ones you learned “life lessons” from.

We (at least I) have likely had many. Perhaps we don’t think about them often and what profound effects they have had on our lives.

As I said, “I have had many!” Starting at an early age;

Thank you Mrs. B. for teaching me to play “nice in the sandbox” and getting along with others, although sometimes I forget your efforts.

I cannot forget Miss B. for her dedication ensuring I could read and write properly. (Authors took me on trips all over the world because of her.)

Morrie B. for his instructions on firearm safety, hunting and fishing skills

Ethel B. for continuously stressing, “finish what has been started!”

R. White for introducing me to the lifelong wonders of science (weather in particular).

Lloyd K. I remember not so much as a hero. He taught me to dislike (and hence forward to not understand) mathematics. It was (is) a lifelong lesson.

Wm. B. taught and practiced the “customer is the most important person in the store, and is always right”.

Jack F. showed all of us how to lead rather than follow, (He was one of the finest Officers I ever knew.)

Darryl K. continuously demonstrated the farther away from the scout, the further one was from Scouting. (Which led to a number of incredible outdoor adventures.)

Lee S. & Willis M. showed me that ministers were not just old “fogies”, but could beat most of their teen-age church members at football or ice hockey. They demonstrated that some older guys could be awesome.

Mr. B. and Glen D. for showing me the correct way to work with tools, and then coached me on the projects using those tools.

Glenn R. taught me how to snow ski and also how to properly instruct a group.

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**“SMED”**

said..... more.....

R. Black showed (by example) how to effectively keep the attention of the attendees when addressing a sales meeting or other large group.

Steve W. coached me on creating “cuttings” to start my own grape arbors. His technique I used to propagate other plants in huge flower gardens for more than fifty years in three separate locations.

Bob. S. demonstrated how to accurately write down what I had observed so others could know later exactly what had transpired. This skill aided in a legal case many years later.

V.B. taught me how to observe the world from a height of four feet.

Richard B. and Roger B. taught me the skills of a Lithographer, which for many years paid for our groceries.

Tom J. demonstrated there were no limits to success if one could effectively teach those skills,

Peter S. relentlessly taught me to “stretch”, (and he never stopped teaching).

These are just a few of my “heroes”. There are many more obviously. I never learned anything alone, there was always help, if I looked for it.

Who were yours? What did they teach you? Did you ever thank them?

Whose “HERO” are you?

See all of you next month?

Semper Fidelis my friends.

SMED

## BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE-V

Here is an update on where we stand as of May 1, 2024 with 2 and haft Months left until our July 15<sup>th</sup> drawing.

### TICKETS ASSIGNED-

22 people have picked up tickets to sell. That is 17% of our Membership.

### **BOOZE PICKED UP -**

90 ottles of Booze have been picked up by 4 Members.

Seyler----- 67

Lingin----- 13

Walgreen----- 6

Sroka----- 4

### **TICKETS SOLD –**

We have \$6,835 sold tickets that have been turned in to me by 17 Members.

Seyler----- \$2,270

Sroka----- 855

Lingin----- 770

Pantaleo----- 735

Braun----- 505

Walgreen----- 500

J. Pedrin----- 285

Blacklock— — 225

Homan----- 100

Smolich----- 100

Lund----- 100

Our Goal is to raise \$15,000 for our Foundation. We need to sell \$8,165 dollars worth of tickets.

Our goal for Booze is 150 bottles. We need 60 more bottles.

We only have 2 months to get this done. We need your **help!!**

We only do this raffle every other year. This is the 5th time we are doing the raffle. That means I have asked for your help 5 times in 10 years. Please **HELP !!!**

Al Seyler

President

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# Marine Corps League



LAKE COUNTY MARINES DET.801

HELP VETERANS, THEIR WIDOWS, AND THEIR KIDS  
ZERO SALARIES-100% TO VETS

## RAFFLE

# BOAT LOAD of BOOZE

WHAT A DEAL!!  
3 Person BOAT  
7ft. x 4ft.  
600 lbs. Capacity  
Oars and Pump



Jack Daniel's  
Capt. Morgan  
Smirnoff  
Patron  
Barcardi  
OVER 50  
BOTTLES

2nd PRIZE -- 25 BOTTLES !!

3rd Thru 10th PRIZE -5- BOTTLES or CASE OF WINE!!

1 TICKET---- \$10.00

3 TICKETS---- \$25.00



DRAWING JULY 16, 2024  
STEVENS RESTAURANT  
GURNEE,IL.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



***Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation***

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.

**Please sell Boat Load of Booze Tickets!!!**

**Please collect bottles of booze!!!**

Al Seyler  
President  
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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)