

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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During our 20 August meeting, Rick Prescott, 2nd District Commandant, presented Charles Walgreen, Commandant - Lake County Detachment 801, with a Department of Illinois Distinguished Citizen Silver Metal and Certificate for his hard work and dedication to the Marine Corps League.

Detachment members who sold tickets for the Boat Load of Booze Raffle were presented with Lake County Detachment 801 Distinguished Service Bronze Certificates.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Quartermaster:	Frank Contee
Va Hospital Visits:	Nada Sydow
Junior Past Commandant	Ed Mampe
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen
Fun Chairman:	Al Seyler

Our next meeting is scheduled for

17 September (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

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SAVE THE DATES

31 August - Membership Renewal for 2025

14 September - Craft Beer Fest at Gurnee American Legion Post
771

17 September - Business Mtg & Final Officer Nominations &
Election

21 September - Pig Roast

10 November 2024 - 249th USMC Birthday

5-8 June 2025 - 81st Department Convention - Crystal Lake

The Year 2025 - 250th USMC Anniversary

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Did you have an OUTSTANDING summer?

I sure did as Commandant of the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation!

Next month we will have nominations and elections at our September 17th meeting. Let us continue to strive and honor our beloved Corps and detachment customs and traditions that bond us as Marines. Especially those Marines who have gone before us and those who will lead us through the future. Through the faithful devotion of our elected officers and each detachment member we will preserve our identity and Esprit de corps as the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation!

Semper Fi
Charles Walgreen
Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message August 2024

August is coming to a close and fall weather is rapidly approaching. Here's hoping that you have all found time to enjoy it to the fullest with family and friends.

What does August symbolize---it is known as the month of new beginnings because it is the time of year when we transition from summer to fall. The spiritual energy of August indicates new beginnings on both mental and spiritual levels.

It is best known as National Self-Awareness Month---time to prioritize your self-care, reduce stress and create healthier habits in order to feel your best self. Understand that in order to take care of one's self it's important to become self-aware first. Self-awareness is when one recognizes the way they feel, act and think.

As the month fades it is time to thank your chosen God for the life we lead today.

Semper Fi!
Joe Womack
Chaplain

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COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

We have practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee starting at 1830.

Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander

PH #847-641-9689

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Warren Blacklock has volunteered to be our VA Hospital Visitation Chair. Both Warren and Nada Sydow are certified to enter the residential areas. These members are starting the process to get certified.

Ed and Carol Mampe

Linda Smolich

Al Blut and Charlotte Stevens

Walter Roth

Al Seyler

Current plans call for the team to visit the veteran community on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:30 until 3:00 PM. Warren and Nada will start next week to run recognizance at the VA before everyone gets approved.

If you want to participate, call Warren Blacklock (847) 918-8252 or leave him an email at sennhs@yahoo.com.



EAGLE SCOUTS



We will have presented 14 Ka-Bars by the end of August. And yes, I did a few these past few weeks. More in September!

We're always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair

2nd Annual PIG ROAST - 2024

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

When- Saturday – September 21st
12:00pm -Start Gathering-Snacks & Drinks
3:00pm- Pig Picking

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/guests 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.

We will drink.

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

We will play.

Games such as Bago, Horseshoes, Badminton will be set up. Will also have Bubble Blowing, Hula-Hoop, Frisbee and other things to do. Ralphies Range for dead eye shooters.

The Music Man,

Robert Cooper, will be spinning the tunes.

Yes – It's ok to dance.

SIGN UP. Amount of food and Drinks we need are based on how many will attend. Please let us know if you and your partner will be attending. You can sign up a couple of ways:

- 1) Call Al Seyler (847) 220-1525
- 2) Email us back at lakecountymarinesmcl@gmail.com

PLEASE TELL US YOU'RE ATTENDING!!!

2nd ANNUAL PIG ROAST
SATURDAY SEPT. 21

What to bring-

Yummy dessert to pass.

Chair

Thirst- appetite- funny bone !!!

My bride Kathi and I cannot do this alone. We must have help. Here is the plan.....

Add your name and what you can help with and when.

- **FRIDAY-** the day before, we need to do the following:

Set – Up

Canopies, tables, electric cords, coolers etc.

Games - Badminton net, Bago boards, etc.

Food Prep

Make Baked Beans and put them in crock pots to keep warm when we eat.

Make Cold Slaw and keep on ice.

Pit Master

Prepare the Pig for roasting. Final trimming, injection, seasoning, stuffing and fastening to the Spit.

SATURDAY

- **Name tags**

- **Pit Master**

5:30 am - start charcoal.

6:00 am – Attach Pig to rotisserie.

Check Pig, adjust fire, baste and whatever ??

2:00 pm – Pig should be done. Pig is in charge and will tell us when she is ready.

Take off fire and let rest .

3:00 pm – Pig Picking, slicing and pulling.

4:00 pm – CHOW CALL

Drinks

Load coolers with ice, soda, beer and water.

Set up Coffee station.

Food Service

Set up cups, plates, tablecloths, utensils, etc.

Take down and clean up

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.

I reported last month that we had solved our Detachment storage problem. We obtained 2, 40 foot shipping containers. We talked with Mary Carmody at Veteran's Closet and agreed that we would donate one container to them and they would allow us to keep the 2nd one on their property.

I got the containers and moved them from Joliet up to Veteran's Closet and we placed them where Mary wanted them. We would let them settle for 2 weeks then come back and do the final leveling and paint the containers.

I called two weeks later to come out and Mary said the Board said "NO". Remove the Containers.

I did not know what to do. We have no land on which to place them. I called Mary and offered to sell her the second one and she said No.

I sold the Containers to Jimmy Onan for the \$4,000 cost that we had in them. We are back even on the money.

BUT we have no storage----

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundatio

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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_____ <https://lakecountymarines.com> _____ Detachment website

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.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.*

publicrelations@mcleague.org