

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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It's hard to count from the pictures above; however, we had over forty members and guests at our February meeting last Tuesday. We had two guest speakers and two new members were sworn in. Above is Fun Committee Al Seyler reminding us about the St Paddy's Day dinner/meeting on 19 March (are you attending? Did you tell us?) See page #7. Please read on page #13 about our bi-annual Boat Load of Booze Raffle. [If you can't get to a meeting, click here to purchase your tickets.](#)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Our next meeting is scheduled for
19 March (Tuesday)
Start Time 1800
St Paddy's Day Dinner
Steven's Restaurant

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Jim McArdle spoke about Honor Luncheon. Retired Navy Seal and Marine Scout Sniper Corbin Cornelison spoke about training - i.e. being ready for the future.

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Here we are in February where we start to thaw out and get more active in our detachment. We have a lot of great events this year planned for all of us to get involved. I appreciate everyone's support over the past 18 months and look forward to making my last 6 months of command as Commandant the best yet.

The Illinois scholarship winner for the NVBDC (National Veterans Business Development Council) is Chicago high school Marine Leadership Academy JROTC senior cadet Kenia G. Torress. I read her essay at the February meeting albeit loud and proud (so I won't choke up). Please let me share it this month with you.

"What Veterans Mean to America and its Citizens"

"Every day in America, we take for granted numerous luxury items that others lack. We have gone a long way in our right to express ourselves and live in a free country, but we often forget to give thanks to the individuals responsible for these liberties: our veterans. Veterans are the forgotten heroes of America's liberty, serving as unwavering guardians of the nation's ideals. Their services, both on and off the battlefield, have a profound impact on the country's collective consciousness. They are the last ones to leave a battle and the first to risk their lives. Their loyalty and commitment to this nation are unwavering. We were taught as kids to honor veterans for their bravery, but as individuals become older, a lot of people lose sight of their significance.

Their sacrifices and narratives create a generation-spanning bond of gratitude that serves as a constant reminder of the cost of peace and the importance of service. Veterans demonstrate that their contributions to the country do not end with their military duty by offering leadership and experience to communities beyond their military function. Many have endured horrifying experiences for the sake of duty and honor, losing numerous comrades in combat and having to cope with the transition back home. Their compassion acts as an important reminder of what freedom and human perseverance really cost.

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These soldiers fight to the very end of their lives, sacrificing both their physical and mental well-being. They engaged in bloody combat on the battlefield and now find themselves involved in a hidden conflict that we, as civilians, are unable to fathom. Even after serving in the military, veterans still have a significant impact on American culture. Their ability to lead, innovate, and preserve has allowed them to become change agents in a variety of industries, including business, politics, healthcare, and education. These veterans contribute a wealth of insight and knowledge to the issues affecting their communities and the country as a whole by drawing on their distinctive experiences and skill sets.

The contributions of veterans are rooted in a strong dedication to the principles that make America what it is. These soldiers exemplify the values that are cornerstones of the country's identity, from honor and integrity to sacrifice and service. They remind us of the values worth upholding and protecting through their deeds and examples, which instill in their fellow citizens a sense of pride and thankfulness. Their stories and sacrifices forge a bond of gratitude that transcends generations, reminding us of the price of peace and the value of service. Beyond their military role, veterans enrich communities with their leadership and experiences, demonstrating that their contributions to the nation continue long after their service ends. Veterans represent not just past military service, but also a continuing threat of commitment to the nation's future. Their understanding of teamwork, discipline, and adaptability are assets that can drive innovation and civic engagement. Moreover, veterans serve as living lessons in courage and sacrifice for younger generations, embodying the tangible costs of conflict and the enduring spirit of American resilience. Their legacy is one of honor and a reminder of the continuous work needed to uphold the freedoms they fought to protect. Admiration, gratitude, and respect are sparked by their dedication to duty and willingness to risk their life for the greater good. Beyond their time in the military, veterans frequently contribute as leaders, mentors, and foundations of strength in their communities.

The JROTC program has given me the privilege to get a deeper understanding of veterans. Working with veterans who now stand in front of us cadets every day, 5 days a week, has taught us to wear the uniform with pride. Our veterans at Marine Leadership Academy have played a vital role in the lives of us students, serving as mentors, guides, and role models. They provide guidance and support, helping students develop important life skills such as leadership, discipline, and teamwork. Our veterans instill a sense of pride, instilling values like respect, integrity, and service.

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They create a nurturing environment where students can grow and thrive, fostering personal growth and academic success. The impact of JROTC instructors goes beyond the classroom, as they inspire students to become responsible citizens and future leaders no matter what path we take. Their dedication and commitment leave a lasting impression on the lives of the cadets they serve. Choosing a military school has helped me step out of my comfort zone and show my leadership skills as an individual. By setting high expectations and providing the support and encouragement needed to meet them, JROTC instructors challenge students to push beyond their comfort zones, overcome obstacles, and achieve success both academically and personally. In doing so, they cultivate confidence, resilience, and a sense of purpose that serves students well long after they leave the program. Most importantly Marine Leadership Academy has taught me to take into consideration other peers' ideas and opinions. The higher you go up the chain of command the more responsibility you obtain. Having the privilege to become part of the Battalion has helped me present and learn how to talk to adults. This has also given me the chance to realize that the world isn't always full of cupcakes and rainbows, we all have our flaws but Marine Leadership Academy cadets know how to implement their opinions, listen, and solve the situation just like our fellow veterans have done so. Allowing us to continue the traditions is something I will cherish.

Furthermore, veterans are the epitome of duty, sacrifice, and patriotism and are held in high regard by both the people of America and its veterans. Citizens find great resonance in their unshakable dedication to protecting freedom and preserving the nation's principles, which serves as a sobering reminder of the cost of liberty and the resiliency of the human spirit. The virtues of bravery, honor, and selflessness are embodied by veterans, who inspire gratitude, respect, and admiration from their fellow citizens. Veterans continue to contribute immensely to society after leaving the military, enhancing communities with their leadership, knowledge, and feeling of brotherhood. Their legacy is one of bravery, selflessness, and unshakable devotion; they have left an enduring imprint on American society and are a source of inspiration and solidarity. “

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message February 2024

February 1st was National Get Up Day—a day of sharing inspiring stories of perseverance. It reminds us all to get back on our feet when we stumble—and we all have stumbled a time or two in our lives.

Remember everyone needs encouragement to keep trying, keep learning and overcome obstacles in our way that prevent us from achieving to our fullest.

Let's embrace the challenges that life presents and give thanks to the Lord for giving us the strength to do so.

At our recent meeting, our guest, Corbin Cornelison, Marine Sniper and Navy SEAL, when asked how he survived the rigorous training, repeated deployments to the Middle East "Hot Spots" and the unknown stated; it was his belief in God and his TEAM. When all else fails he is there.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our St. Patrick's Day Party on the 19th.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain



Our March meeting falls on the 19th.

So—We be invitin ya to a Det. 801 St. Paddy's party at our meetin. We be having some goodies to be partaking of and a wee spot of some liquids for medicinal purposes only.

Bring your Bride or your favorite (not both) and let us know you are coming. We be needin a count to make sure we have enough Corn Beef, Cabbage and Fixins.

Plan on wearing your "Greens"(prize for best dressed Lad and Lass), stick around and enjoy some camaraderie. All the Irish Marines will be there---- Pantaleo, Szempruch, Mordini, Visocnik, Karlovics, Holderbaum, Mrozinski, Sroka (sounds more like Notre Dames offensive line) ----- and many more !!

Be There!!!!

ST. PATS PARTY

Here's who's attending!

Plenty of seats still available!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Spouse (Significant other)</u>
1. Ellingsen, Mel	Shirley
2. Seyler, Al	Kathi
3. Jezioro, John	
4. Linda Smolich	
5. Lingen, Larry	
6. Blacklock, Warren	
7. Cooper, Ed	Nicole
8. Mitchell, Carter	Patricia
9. Karlovics, Peter	Ana
10. Koncan Jr. , Tom	
11. Blut, Al	Charlotte
12. Walgreen, Charles	Catherine Ruth
13. Webster, Nolan	
14. Mampe, Ed	
15. Mampe, Carol	
16. Landrau, Hank	Margarita
17. Roth, Walter	Marie
18. Womack, Joe	Merry Lynn
19. Pantaleo, Nick	Kelly
20. Wadsworth, Todd	
21. DeGroot, Ray	Patsy
22. Drdla, David	
23. Sroka, Jim	Marcia
24. Muhaymin, Shuaib	
25. Cooper, Robert	Jackie
26. Mampe, E. J.	
27. Mampe, Bella	
28. Blacklock, Warren	
29. Manaligod, Neil	Charissa
30. Martinez, Oracio	Perla
31. Robbins, Russell	
32. Sydow, Nada	
33. Owens, John	Becky
34. Perez, Allan	
35. Carle, Wayne	Mary



ST. PATS PARTY

MARCH 19, 2024 Starts at 1800

**If you have not signed up, please call:
847-274-8144**



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

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

On Sunday, 17 March—hey that's St Paddy's Day, the Color Guard will gather starting around 10:30 am and begin preparations for their annual March Around the Block Parade from the Toadstool Bar Pub 327 Waukegan Ave. Highwood. IL (847) 748-8658.

We are scheduled for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day in Lindenhurst.

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



PFC Andrew Benedict, USMC (check out the hair cut) and his twin brother Jacob received their Eagle Scout awards on 4 February. Andrew was home on leave between MCRD and Camp Pendleton. His Eagle Scout Award earned him the rank of PFC immediately.

BOAT LOAD of BOOZE

Our fund-raising Raffle Number 5 is off and running. 17 people have taken tickets and are out selling. Lots of folks have not taken any tickets. We need everyone to help us reach our **Goal of \$15,000+!!** If you are too shy to sell them---Then BUY them.

Larry Lingen hit a home run at Hitz Pizza and Sports Bar. Not only did he collect a bottle of Bacardi Black, but he also sold them \$500 in tickets.

Saturday, Feb 17th, at the Marine Corps Coordinating Council and District meeting at Fort Sheridan we invited everyone to stop at the Toadstool Pub for a glass or two of Camaraderie. Tom Mann's cousin owns the Toad and promised me **2 Cases, (24 bottles)**, of Booze. I also sold \$525 of tickets.

Friday night, the 23rd, Peter Karlovics, Ana and myself went to Kelly's Pub in Trevor, Wi. for Hot Wings (Best anywhere). The 3 Stooges sold **\$380 worth of tickets**. And we got to hear Peter sing Karaoke ... "Tear in my Beer".

Monday Feb. 26th, Jim Sroka and I picked up a Case of Booze from Fatman's. Thank you, Danny, Mgr.

I have Tickets and Flyers... Call, Text, E-Mail or Smoke Signal me to get some. **And collect Booze!!**

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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

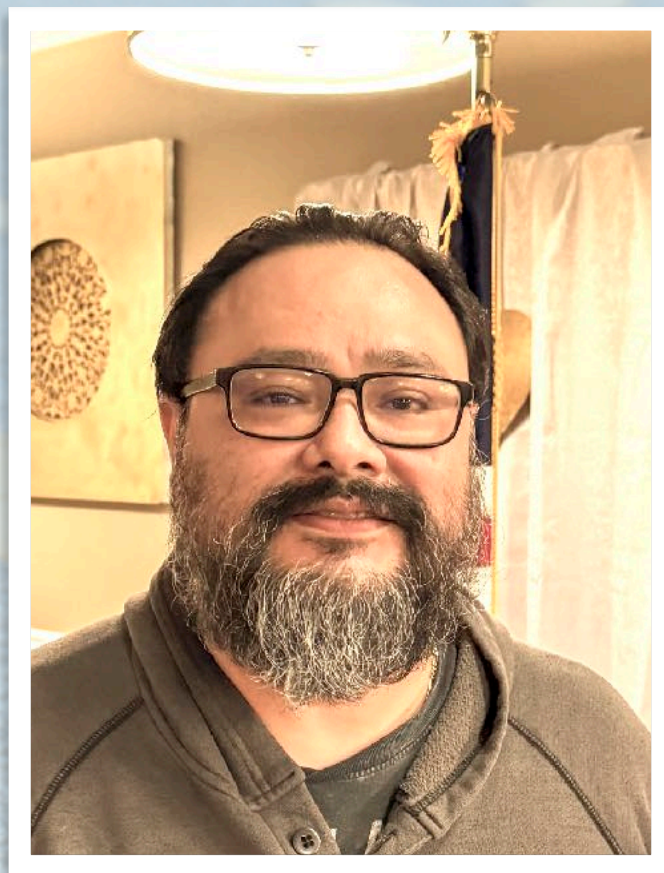


DRAWING JULY 16, 2024
STEVENS RESTAURANT
GURNEE,IL.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Oz Martinez. Cpl Martinez is a San Diego Marine and was assigned MOS 0121 Personnel Clerk. He served at Camp Lejeune, Okinawa and Camp Pendleton. He works for ComEd, coaches basketball is married with children and lives in Hainsville.

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Neil Manaligod. Cpl Manaligod is a San Diego Marine assigned MOS 6521 Aviation Ordnance Muniton Tech. He served with the Corps at MCAS El Toro. He works as a IT project manager, married with children and likes pickleball, snowboarding and motorcycles.

Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

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Jim Sroka, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab,
Charles Walgreen and Joe Wallace.

The Foundation did not receive any requests for assistance.

The annual audit of the financials was held on Saturday, January 20th.
There were no discrepancies.

The Boat Load of Booze raffle for the Foundation has started with a
goal of raising \$15,000 dollars. Please support the program.

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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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Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit

PTSD Resources

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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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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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