

THE **JAWHEAD** JOURNAL

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Pictured above are those who helped out collecting donations for Toys for Tots.

December's Ugly Sweater Contest was won by Randy Lund (right). 2nd place went to Joe

Big reminder that February's Meeting is on the 27th so Stevens can accommodate a special event.

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The Stack Family (Linda and Bob are Det 801 members) have hosted Navy recruits every year but two (Covid) on Christmas at Christian Liberty Academy in honor of their son, LCpl James Stack, KIA on 10 November 2010 in Afghanistan. Here is Bob ringing the bell as Mel Ellingsen reads the Missing Warrior statement. Fifty recruits enjoyed dinner, supper and the use donated cell phones to call home along with table games for the day.



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Our next meeting is scheduled for
27 February (Tuesday)
Start Time 1830
Not the 3rd Tuesday
Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

1. December Meeting
2. Christmas with the Navy Recruits
3. This Page.
4. Commandant's Chat
5. Chaplain's Corner
6. St Paddy's Day
7. Mess Night
8. Color and Honor Guard
9. VA Hospital Visits
10. 17 February at Ft Sheridan
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12. More Smed said
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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Happy New Year Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen!

This is the month to make that ultimate resolution to get in gear and volunteer in the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation."

One of the biggest goals could be recruiting and bringing a fellow Marine or FMF Corpsmen to a meeting so they can reconnect with their brothers and sisters that served our great Nation.

This year is chock full of activities that is sure to motivate you.

So don't hold back.

Get Some!

Attend meetings, meet new members while listening to inspiring speakers, Go Irish at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, be part of the oldest Marine tradition "Mess Night" (a new event), Memorial Picnic, summertime Pig Roast, Shake the Can, Boat Load of Booze, and many more.

Let's make 2024 an unforgettable year for our detachment but we need YOU to accomplish that mission.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message December/January

This is a time filled with holidays and parties when people get together with family and friends and celebrate all that they have been blessed with in the past year.

Winter is a time to reflect and repose. As you think of the year that has just passed, think of what you have learned and what you can do in the new year. It's a time to make realistic New Year plans and innovative plans for your future. Instead of focusing on the drab aspects of the season, focus on the solstice, Christmas, and other festivities, and the opportunity to relax, eat, and be merry with friends and family.

Although it may sometimes get us down, winter implores us to remember that this is only one critical part of the cycle. Light, rebirth, and summer will soon return, and we will all be presented with a fresh start. Like the whiteness of a winter wonderland, we can use this time to purify ourselves and clarify our thoughts. It is the perfect scenario for it, as well. But unfortunately, the snowfall keeps everyone inside, which suddenly turns the world silent.

This solstice signifies two things. First, the grips of winter are strong, and the cold's cruelty is still to come. Second, though, the winter solstice is a messenger reminding us not to lose hope: there is still a bit of sunlight left to be experienced. Also, this promise reminds us that the dark winter season will only last so long before Spring returns once more. In this manner, the solstice is a comforter and reinsurer.

Here is wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 SIGN-UP

MARCH 19, 2024 Starts at 1800

Call and tell us who is attending: 847-274-8144

MESS NIGHT

How many of you have ever attended a Marine Corps Mess Night? My guess is very few. Look up Marine Corps Mess Night on Google and see what it entails. Formal Dinner. Fining. Toasting. Esprit De Corp and lots of laughs !!!

Save the DATE— Saturday, April 20th

Cocktails at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00

Be on time or you will get finned!



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

The Color Guard stood the watch honoring recently deceased detachment member and Marine, Ken Grosvenor.

We have practice on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month at the American Legion in Gurnee at 1830. We'll practice next on 14 February and again on 28 February.

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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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. Every 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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said....

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

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

Have you ever wanted to do something and “stuff” just seemed to keep getting in the way? I’ll bet you have! We all have.

Well, maybe close to sixty years ago (while spending most week-ends with a local Boy Scout Troop), I thought it would be cool to try baking sourdough bread. I could sit around the campfire and bring forth these beautiful brown biscuits from the Dutch Oven just like in the “cowboy” movies.

It did not happen. There was no internet. I did not know anyone to learn it from. I had never seen it done anywhere but in the movies. It was a dead issue. Over time, I completely forgot about it.

Recently a neighbor remarked her “daughter was coming for a visit and was (is) a baker of sourdough bread”. I asked if perhaps her daughter would be willing to share some of her “starter mix” with me, and a week later she dropped off a 16 ounce jar of something resembling sticky pancake batter. I placed it in the fridge and conducted an internet search. I found what I was seeking without finding what I was looking for. Let me explain. The recipes included words unknown to me. Words like; autolyze, boule shaping, proofing, couche. (Had to look those up.) Also, for some reason, all ingredients were listed in grams which had to be converted into ounces/cups/teaspoons etc. Then there was the trip to the grocery to find the necessary flours required. (How did the cowboys all accomplish this? Perhaps that was all another Western movie myth.)

Reading further, I also discovered the “starter mix” must be fed weekly, meaning fresh water and flour had to be carefully measured into the batter to “keep it alive”. This as we were embarking on a two week trip back to Illinois to attend a family function.

Yesterday the project began. Obviously without being fed for about four weeks the starter was not yet dead but was very severely wounded. I cannot really say the dough rose, but will admit to it slowly swelling.

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And by slowly, let me say nearly twelve hours later, I had two eight inch diameter loaves of golden brown bread that was only an inch high. They really could not be called loaves, perhaps closer to fat wheat taco shells.

The crust was superb, the taste was absolutely delightful, the visual presentation, not so much. Some folks adhere to the premise of “tough love”. I adhere to the promise of tough crust.

Did I make mistakes? You bet your “sweet bippy” I did, but my bride came to my rescue when I had painted myself into a corner and could see no way out.

Will I try it again? I can hardly wait! Have already made corrections to the original recipe and thinking of all the variations possible to try.

Good gosh, I love hard crusted bread (with olive oil & parmesan cheese!)



Hoping all in the #801 had a MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
Enjoy a Happy and Healthy New Year

See all of you next month?

Semper Fidelis my friends.

SMED

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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, 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 did not receive any requests for assistance.

We received a donation of \$4,000 from Fleet Reserve Association Branch 23. Wayne Carle (Det 801 member) is their Treasure. Thank you.

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

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

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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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:

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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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