

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

Charles Walgreen, Commandant (Commandant@lakecountymarines.com)



Here are pictures of some of our Boat Load of Booze winners. The Marine in the upper left hand corner won the grand prize of a boat and 50 + bottles of booze. It's Mike Broslin, Paymaster from McHenry County Detachment. He will be with us at our 20 August meeting when he will be presented his prizes.

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

20 August (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

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SAVE THE DATES

20 August - Business Meeting & 1st Officer Nominations

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!

We are Veterans! We are Americans!

This month we celebrate our countries Independence due to all American Veterans. It is with a grateful heart that I have had the opportunity to serve as Commandant of Lake County Marines for almost two years. Our detachment mission continues to be to help Lake County Marines and FMF Corpsman. However, we are extremely fortunate to have a foundation that helps all branches of service in Lake County. The Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation was created by Russ Dusack, past Commandant of our detachment in 2006. He was instrumental in securing a 501 C3 tax status for the foundation. All 9 members of the foundation are from our detachment. The purpose of the foundation is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational resources to improve the quality of life for military personnel and veterans in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and their families. The activities of the foundation are to provide recruits, deployed military personnel and veterans with comfort, moral support and friendship. Provide care packages for deployed military personnel and comfort packages for injured military personnel and veterans. Provide financial assistance for families of military personnel demonstrating specific unmet needs. The foundation is funded through corporate, private donations and fund raising specifically with the "Boat Load of Booze" raffle. The "Boat Load of Booze" created by Al Seyler ten years ago, is the largest source of revenue that funds the foundation. Our veterans and their families deserve honor, respect and gratitude everyday especially this month. Through the Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation, we continue to accomplish that mission.
Happy Independence Day!

Semper Fi
Charles Walgreen
Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message July 2024

We are nearing the end of July and it is time to take a moment to thank God for the abundance of riches he has bestowed upon us.

Those of us fortunate enough to experience good health need to reach out to those members who may be struggling. It is amazing how a kind word or show of empathy can lift one's spirits.

Additionally, keep in our prayers our fellow men and women Marine's, recently deployed in the Middle East facing the uncertainty of a potential War.

Saturday, September 21, is the date for the Pig Roast at Al Seyler's. Mark your calendars. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Semper Fi!
Joe Womack
Chaplain



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Color and Honor Guard

We posted Colors at the Cubs Ball game on the 4th of July. And, we marched in the Antioch parade on the 4th of July. And, we maned the Beer Tent at the Lake Forest Parade on the 7th of August. Ask Ed Mampe about his escorted ride.

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



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



Here's Hank Landrau (the short Marine), Joe Wallace and Charles Walgreen and daughter. He needed help presenting five Ka-Bars.

We will have presented 14 Ka-Bars by the end of August.
We're always looking for help making these presentations.
Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair



and

then

“SMED”

said

COINCIDENCE

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

How many of you believe in “coincidence”? I do not. I believe there is a plan, I just don’t usually know what that plan is.

For instance, on a recent, and quick (36 hour) trip to Illinois, my bride and I were in a Mexican restaurant in Fulton, Mississippi, for a late dinner. Upon entering and being seated, I noticed two couples seated at an adjoining table. One of the gentlemen was wearing a Viet-Nam “baseball type” cap. As he glanced in my direction, I nodded, pointed to my head, pointed to him and mouthed “thank-you”. He smiled, also nodded and resumed eating dinner with his table companions.

Sometime later, as I rose to approach the front and pay my tab, he also stood and followed me. At the register we engaged in conversation, and I discovered he spent several tours in Nam with the 101st Airborne, was wounded three times during five tours and decided that was enough and returned to Illinois. I asked him, “Where in Illinois?” He replied, “A small town up north called Zion”. I surprisedly exclaimed, “No s***! Where in Zion? That was where I was born and raised”. Then he exclaimed, “No s***, it was by a park near the main street through town”. I asked if he meant Sheridan Road, and he replied, “not Sheridan Road, but close”. I began “ticking off” the street names, “Edina, Elizabeth, Elim, Elisha, Emmaus, Enoch, Eshcol, Bethel”, and he stopped me and said, “Enoch”!

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I was born in my grandmothers' house on Enoch and though at different times, we lived in houses within two blocks of each other. His dad was employed at Johnson otors (later known as Outboard Marine) before joining the Army Air Corps (which later became the Air Force). He was there when my father worked there.

I then asked what in the world brought him to the little town of Fulton if his home was in Tennessee? His wife (fifth) was from Fulton. I asked if either of them knew any Thorns or Dulaneys as they were my bride's grandparents? He told me Dulaneys General Store was one of his "favorite places" because if "Old Doyce could not find a part or product you needed it probably did not exist"! "Old Doyce" and his sister used to play "catch" with me out in front of that store back in the "sixties" when we visited my lady's relatives. "Old Doyce's father owned the store then and was Marty's uncle.

We exchanged challenge coins and contact info and returned to our respective tables to discover our ladies were having nearly identical conversations as ours had been.

As if this experience was not enough, the next morning in the hotel breakfast room, we encountered a family in town for a reunion. They were also from Zion. Their father (Jack) owned and operated a combination gas station/repair shop that was the only place I would allow a mechanic to tune my '56 Chevy Bel-Aire two door hardtop. Jack later sold that business and built a truck stop out on Stateline Road & Route #41, but that is another story.

This is indeed a small world, and I still do not believe in coincidence!

Richard Butler, PDC

See all of you next month?

Semper Fidelis my friends.

BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE 2024

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

We set a goal of \$15,000 for our raffle to raise money for our Foundation. The results are in-----

We raised **\$17,430.00 Ooorah !!!**

Booze-

138 bottles of booze were collected by 7 people.
\$315 worth of Gift cards were collected from Jewel.
Gift cards were used to buy 25 more bottles of booze,
making a Grand Total of 163 Bottles of Booze.

Tickets Sold –

\$17,430.00 worth of Tickets were sold by 26 people.

We will present the Grand Prize—51 Bottles of Booze plus the Boat- at our August Meeting.

Make the Meeting and see for yourself what the grand prize will look like. It will be exciting!!!

WELL DONE MARINES

2nd Annual PIG ROAST - 2024

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

When- Saturday – September 21st
1:00pm -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
- 3) Sign up in person during the 20 August meeting at Steven.

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.

A local marine's mother was tragically killed when a motorcycle hit her crossing the street. The motorcyclist got away. The Board unanimously approved paying his air fare and four nights in a hotel so he could attend her funeral. Air fare was \$1,348.15 and the hotel was \$251.06.

The Board approved sponsoring a hole at the Al Lynch Golf outing, "Swinging for Vets", for \$700.00. The Lynch Foundation has partnered with us in aiding Veterans and our donation is the same as we have made the last several years.

The Boatload of Booze was a huge success. Results are posted elsewhere.

Semper Fi

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundation

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/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.*

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