

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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1st Lt. Jack Childers told us about his time serving in the US Air Force shooting down a MIG in Korea and then being a test pilot for the F85. Was the first pilot to experiment with in-flight fighter refueling from a KC-97 tanker.

Michael Breslin, McHenry Det. 1009 Paymaster, invited Det. 801 to join him hosting the 2025 Department Convention where we will celebrate the 250th USMC Anniversary.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen
Fun Chairman:	Al Seyler

Our next meeting is scheduled for

9 July (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

#### Where Stuff Is

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## SAVE THE DATES

4 July - Antioch Parade

9 July - July Business Meeting

13 July Last Jewel-Osco Collections Highwood Deerfield Rd

16 July - Boat Load of Booze Raffle

20 August - Business Meeting

31 August - Membership Renewal for 2025

17 September - Business Mtg & Officer Nominations

21 September - Pig Roast

10 November 2024 - 249th USMC Birthday

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

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

**I AM A MARINE**

**NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!**

We are now halfway through 2024 and it is officially Summertime. Our detachment is active and growing. However, did you “GET SOME” over the past six months? If not, I challenge you Marine and FMF Corpsman to get it in gear and get amped up for the remaining six months of your tour of duty.

Challenge yourself to serve above self. Better yet, see the Quartermaster for our brand-new detachment Challenge Coin. This challenge coin will remind you of your commitment to our detachment. It represents your membership to “The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation”.

It is not the coin that holds value but the memory of all the outstanding experiences we have shared together at Detachment #801.

Oorah!!

Semper Fi  
Charles Walgreen  
Commandant

## **A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL**

Marines, and all members of our collection of warriors.

We're approaching the end of a very successful fundraising campaign! Those of you who have picked up the ball and run with it should be very proud of a job well done. You exemplify the true spirit of our Marine Corps.

Our job is not yet complete we have three more locations to conquer, before we call it a day. I have all the confidence in the world that your exemplary performance will continue.

When all is said and done, your selfless dedication will be an example to all of us, including those who have not answered the call.

As an organization, and as individuals, we will all benefit and are better for your efforts. I personally feel extremely proud and humble to be counted among your numbers!

With three remaining locations I want to task you with one more mission! Please call as many members of our detachment you know, and tell them how much we miss them not joining us. That feeling of accomplishment after a successful outing, with your fellow marines is indescribable! We don't want to be selfish; we want them to share in it also!

7/13/24      Highwood  
Highland Park

1600 N. Deerfield Rd.

See you there!

Hank Landrau

Senior Vice Commandant

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

## **Chaplain's Message June 2024**

Among the many celebrated awareness months in June that we can most closely relate to is PTSD Awareness. Those that suffer from this debilitating disease need our compassion, understanding and support. Reach out to those you know who are afflicted and offer a helping hand. A friendly Hello goes a long way.

Recently, we participated at the funeral home and graveside service for one of our oldest members, Leo Mordini. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

One half of the year is over and we are experiencing the midpoint of the growing season, between planting and harvesting. Flowers are in full bloom and sunlight is longer. This is a very special time of the year meant for sharing with family and friends. Enjoy what nature has to offer and don't forget to thank the Lord for all that he has provided.

Just when we thought that Covid was behind us I received a reality check as two neighbors within in walking distance were infected. Be alert and take precautions when necessary.

Happy 4th of July everyone!

Semper Fi!  
Joe Womack  
Chaplain



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

Our Color Guard during June both stood casket guard at Leo Mordini's wake and fired a rifle volley at grave site; Jim Reynolds played Taps. We will post Colors at the Cubs Ball game on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. And, we will march in the Antioch parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Anyone interested in walking meet at the train station at 0930.

We have practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at the American legion 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



On the left is Joe Wallace and Col. Jim Homan on the right presenting Ka-Bars to new Eagle Scouts.

A year ago we presented 53 Ka-Bars through June 2023 and this past year through June 2024 it was 54 knives. We currently have 9 Ka-Bars scheduled to be present before Labor Day.

We're always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair



# BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE

The drawing is Tuesday, the 16 of July.  
We need to make the final push!!!!

To date I have the following:

BOOZE-----	113 bottles
Jewel Gift Cards-----	\$295.00
Tickets sold-----	\$12,715.00

If you have any Tickets get out and SELL them. If you can't sell them—BUY them.

Please bring your sold Tickets and Money to the meeting on Tuesday the 9th. I will be out of town so give them to Charles or Mel.

I will need help on Tuesday, the 16th, at 4:00pm, setting up at Steven's for the Drawing. We will be outside due to another meeting in our normal room. Need to set up some tables, posters, the ticket drum, etc.

**SELL SELL SELL SELL SELL SELL**

## Detachment 801 - STORAGE

The Detachment has many various items and equipment that we own such as tables, canopies, cooking gear, paper plates, cups, utensils', fund raising gear, pop up banners, easels, posters, wheel chair, Toys for Tots boxes and gear, Color Guard gear, etc, etc and so on.

In the past, we had a storage area that we rented. Then Jimmy Onad let us use one of the Connex boxes behind the Tiki bar for free. When his demand for storage increased we lost our free storage. A member donated a motorcycle trailer to haul boxes for Toys for Tots, so we stuffed as much gear as we could into the trailer. The rest of the gear is in numerous members homes. This has made it difficult to get gear when we need it.

We complicated the problem by selling the trailer. It was no longer road safe as the tires were dry rotting and the lighting wires were cut off while in storage.

We are looked to solve several problems at the same time--

Problem#1-- We need to consolidate our gear and equipment into one safe location where we have easy access to retrieve what we need (and make some members happy by getting it out of their house)

Problem #2-- If we buy a Storage Shed or Container, we have no place to put it. (continued)

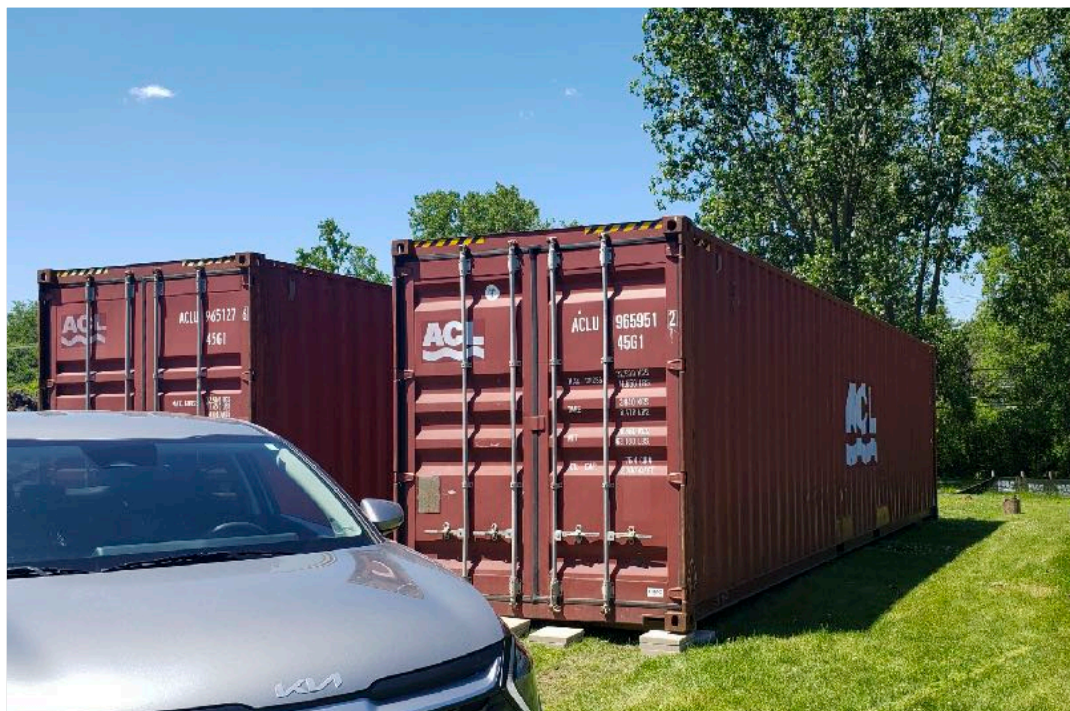
**Solution--** We have purchased 2 Storage Containers- (40Lx8Wx9H). These are Connex boxes that they use to send supplies by ship, rail or truck. They are made of steel and are wind and water proof. Our costs are \$1,925 each, including delivery, plus \$100.00 in landscaping timber to set them on to keep them off the ground.

We will donate 1 to Veterans Closet, and they will allow us to place ours on their property at no cost. We will have an agreement, in writing, stating that the one belongs to Det. 801 and can be kept on Veteran's Closet property at no cost and the other belongs to them.

The League will buy 1 and the Foundation buy the one we donate to Veterans Closet. Our total costs will be \$3,850.

We will have some additional costs in the future for materials to build shelving and other modifications.

Al Seyler  
Foundation President



## 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

**What to bring-** Bag chair -Dessert to pass - BYOB -Appetite - Thirst -  
Sense of Humor

**Cost-** Nada –Zero -Zip. We stood at Jewel and shook the can to raise the money. Thank you to all that helped. 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 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.

The Music Man, Robert Cooper, will be spinning the tunes.

Yes – It's ok to dance.

***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.

The Foundation donated \$500.00 to Help USA.

This is the program that is run by the Widow of James Stack, Marine son of Bob and Linda Stack, members of 801 and NW Detachment in Arlington Heights. Their son was killed in Afghanistan on Nov. 10th, 2010.

Their biggest cost is postage. We have donated to them the past several years.

There are no other requests at this time.

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](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)