

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Above are the Lassies and Laddies who competed for the Best Dressed at the St Paddy's Day Dinner. Pasty De Groot and Jerry Pedrin took honors. The O'Hare Irish School of Dance entertained us.

[Click on this link to see all the pictures and videos from the St Paddy's Day Meeting and Dinner.](#)

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Fun Chairman:	Al Seyler

Our next meeting is scheduled for

16 April (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

Where Stuff Is

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Annual Detachment 801

Memorial Picnic

11am

Foss Park



LCHF 24

ARRIVAL WELCOME HOME

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

APPROX TIME: 9:00 PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL
1815 SHERIDAN RD.
NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- SIGNS AND FLAGS ARE WELCOME
- BRING LAWN CHAIRS
- AMPLE STREET PARKING AVAILABLE
- SOUTHWEST AIRLINE FLIGHT #1936
- CHECK FLIGHT DETAILS ONLINE BEFORE THE EVENT AND STAY UPDATED VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

www.lakecountyhonorflight.org
847.282.0374

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I AM A MARINE
NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

Outstanding, St. Patrick's detachment meeting and dinner. We had 61 members and significant others in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the fancy footwork by the O'Hare Irish Dancers and delicious Irish meal cooked and served to each member by the friendly staff at Stevens. Thank you for all who volunteered to setup the room, it was so festive made you want to kiss the Blarney Stone.

On St. Patrick's Day Sunday the 17th the sun was shining, and Lake Michigan was a blowing in Highwood. Our Color Guard led the parade around several blocks in Highwood where mobs of Irish Revealers followed them. All returned to the Toadstool Pub to continue drinking pints and spirits. Hope to see you on St. Patrick's Day 2025 in the parade!

Our Memorial Day picnic is May 22nd when we will honor all our fallen detachment members. We need YOUR esprit de corps to volunteer and be present where our fallen detachment members can only be present in our hearts.

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen
Commandant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

From the desk of your Vice Commandant March 2024

Greetings,

Hope all are well, ready for another season of great weather!

I wanted to let you know that we are well underway with our “shake the can” preparations.

Our goal is to visit nine Jewel Osco locations. We’ve scheduled four of the nine locations as shown below, and have contacted the other five to get on their schedule. As soon as they are confirmed I’ll let you know.

Our scheduled times at each location is 1000 (10 am) to 1500(3 pm). Please remember you do not have to stay for the entire five hours, if you can only stay a couple of hours we’ll enjoy your company, and be grateful for your efforts! When you come out to join us, please wear your red cover, and red shirt, if you have one. However, the best gear to bring, is your enthusiasm, it’s contagious!

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
4/13/2024	Gurnee	650 W. Grand Ave.
4/20/2024	Libertyville	1300 S. Milwaukee Ave.
5/4/2024	Grayslake	885 E. Belvidere Rd.
5/11/2024	Round lake	900 E. Rollins Rd.

If you’ve never joined us, this is a great opportunity to see your fellow Marines in action, have fun, and do a great thing for our detachment!

So, mark your calendars, bring your smile, and show the world what MARINES can do!

See you there!

Hank Landrau,
Vice Commandant.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message March 2024

St Patrick's Day has come and gone and we had the benefit of a wonderful, fun filled evening. The event was a great success, complete with a large attendance, great food and an enthusiastic performance by the Irish Dancers.

We appreciate all who made the effort to attend and to those of you unable to attend ---we look forward to seeing you in the future.

We are now in the final Days of a month filled with rainy days, snow showers and heavy rains and we have managed to survive.

March's Unity theme is to Engender Trust. It's a month to build trusting relationships and work on being more trustworthy. It's the favorite month for the fun and excitement of the start of Spring. Time to get outside and enjoy the change of seasons.

In closing---it's an ideal time to check on a fellow associate less fortunate than ourselves. Not only might it provide them a boost but it is also good for our soul.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack
Chaplain



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—St Paddy's Day, the Color Guard started assembling to march around the block. Half of all the patrons at the Toadstool joined in the fun and paraded around the block behind our Color Guard!

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

Ed Mampe, Color Guard Commander
(847) 641-9689

FUN COMMITTEE

The St. Pats Day party at the March 19th Meeting was a wonderful success!!

65 Marines, Corpsmen, and their spouses and guests had a great time. Uniform of the Day was "GREENS" and the outfits were Super. Best dressed Contest was captured by Patsy De Groot (a fine looking Colleen) and Jerry (the Leprechaun) Pedrin. They each won a bottle of wine and a large loaf of Soda Bread.

The Corn Beef and Cabbage that Stevens' served was fantastic. Many people commented that it was the best they have ever eaten.

Great O'Hare Irish School Dancers... Great food... Great Drinks... Great Time!!!

Our next Event is Det. 801 Memorial and Cook out. Wednesday, May 22nd. We will honor our Members that have passed and then grill up some food (bring a dish to pass). There will be Games, Prizes, Music and lots of cold Drinks. It will be a super fun day!!!

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 are six new Eagle Scouts proudly displaying their Ka-Bar USMC knives. We have six presentations scheduled for April and another seven in May. We have eight members making presentation— Isaacson, Seyler, Carle, Homan, Walgreen, Wallace, Landrau and Ellingsen. If you want to join the team, call me (847) 274-8144.

Mel Ellingsen - Eagle Chair

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said.....

THOUGHTS for SENIORS to MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER
For All of The Members of Lake County Detachment #801

Now I know all of you are not yet “Seniors”, but Good Lord willing, you soon will be, so this is for you.
I recently had this sent to me and thought you might enjoy also.

#1 – Talk to yourself. (There are times you need expert advice.)

#2 – In style are the clothes that still fit.

#3 – You don’t need anger management. (You need people to stop pissing you off.)

#4 - Your “people skills” are just fine, it’s your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#5 – The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don’t need to write that down, I’ll remember it”.

#6 – On time is when you get there.

#7 – Even duct tape won’t fix stupid. (But it sure does muffle the sound.)

#8 – It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle free
and three sizes smaller.

#9 – Have you noticed people your age are looking older?

#10 – Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 – Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn’t shut you up.

#12 – You still haven’t learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

#13 – One for the road now means taking a pee before leaving the house.

SEMPER FIDELIS my FRIENDS

Hope all of you had a Great St. Patrick’s Day!

See ya next month?

SMED

BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE

At the Toadstool Pub on St. Pats Day our Color Guard marched in the Parade. I stayed back and struck **GOLD!!!** I sold \$595 and Jerry Pedrin sold \$290. Aye it was a fine day. And I never bought a drink.

We currently have sold \$5,000 worth of tickets. Our Goal is \$15,000 plus. We need to pick up the pace.

We have 44 bottles of the 155 we need. Only Lingen, Sroka, Walgreen and Wadsworth have collected ANY bottles.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

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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

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 held a Board Meeting on March 28th.

We reviewed the Financials which are strong. The Boat Load of Booze Raffle is underway, and we hope to add an additional \$15,000. We need to encourage more Members to help us.

We agreed to review the By-Laws and look to see if we need to update.

We discussed the Annual election that is in September and I announced that I would not run for re-election as President. I have served for the last 10 years, and it is time for younger blood and ideas take over.

We discussed Donations that we make to assist other Organizations. Our primary Mission is to support Veterans of any Branch of the Armed Forces here in Lake County. We agreed we would continue to support several Golf Fund raisers for Vets, several groups that send Care Packages to deployed Troops and the Christmas dinner for Navy recruits in Boot camp at Great Lakes. We also support Veterans Closet.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$1,500 to Veteran's Closet now.

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marine 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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_____ <https://lakecountymarines.com> _____ Detachment website

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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:

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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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