

THE **JAWHEAD** JOURNAL

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

18 June (Tuesday)

Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm

Steven's Restaurant

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Here is a picture of our Color Guard getting ready to present colors at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day ceremony. The weather kept us inside.

Click [HERE](#) to see videos.

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

**I AM A MARINE
NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!**

I am a Veteran. I have seen and done things that many will not understand. I am a warrior, and a member of a team that spans this world. I have served my country proudly, my brothers and sisters in arms. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen brother or sister. If they are injured, I will carry them. If I can't carry them, I will drag them. I will help them face their enemies, including the demons from within. They are my brothers and sisters. For I am a Veteran.

For those who never made it out of the uniform we honor the ultimate sacrifice they gave defending our freedoms this Memorial Day. We reflected and honored our past detachment members last week at our Memorial picnic. It was with deep gratitude that they through their continued service to our detachment made this day possible.

Semper Fi,

Charles Walgreen
Commandant

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Marines, and all members of our collection 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!

Just as a reminder, we start at 10 am. The last three locations are as follows:

6/15/24	Waukegan at Green Bay	922N. Green Bay Rd.
6/22/24	Waukegan at Lewis Avenue	3124 N. Lewis Avenue
7/13/24	Highwood	1600 N. Deerfield Rd. Highland Park

See you there!

Hank Landrau

Senior Vice Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Message - May 2024

The beautiful month of May has come to a close: Cinco De Mayo; Mother's Day and Memorial Day are behind us. Now we're looking forward to the warmth of the summer months and the beach, picnics and BBQ's.

Recently, we experienced a beautiful day for our Memorial Day picnic. Starting with a short ceremony paying tribute to and the reading of names of our deceased past members; followed by a final rifle volley and the playing of Taps.

Next, we enjoyed an old-fashioned cook out and sharing of food, stories, laughs and fun with fellow members. To those who were unable to attend—we missed you.

Reflecting on the true meaning of Memorial Day; we owe those who have fallen a debt we can never repay. We pray that there will never again be a need for our fellow Marines to march away to armed conflict. May we stay ever vigilant that their sacrifices not be in vain.

Help us Lord to show our gratitude by sharing the face of freedom with others---we can do no less for those who have done so much for us.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack
Chaplain

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We got together to send off Warren Blacklock (center) on the LCHF 24.



*"The 'Marines' have gathered. Once a Marine..."
By: Jim Kiser, LCHF 24 Behind the Scenes.
(Pictured left to right) Patrick Danmore, Warren Blacklock, Ron Coover*

Now is the time to sign up for the Honor Flight.
Click [HERE](#) for a link.



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.

Thanks to those who attended the Memorial Picnic. We were able to fire a Rifle Volley and play Taps to honor our deceased detachment members.

We had a great turn out on Memorial Day at Lindenhurst. We fired a Rifle Volley and the Lakes High School Band played echo Taps.

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



We are getting more and more requests to present Ka-Bars to new Eagle Scouts. As of this publication, we have twelve Ka-Bar schedules to present. Mel Ellingsen presented Ka-Bars to six new Eagle Scouts in Lake Bluff.

Always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair



and

then

“SMED”

said.....

A VETERAN'S PRAYER



DEAR **LORD**, I'VE SERVED MY COUNTRY
MY LOVE FOR HER IS STRONG.
I'VE STOOD BEHIND "**OLD GLORY**" ...
WHEN OTHERS THOUGHT HER WRONG.

I'VE JOINED IN CELEBRATION
AND RAISED A TOAST IN CHEER.
I'VE PLEDGED HER MY ALLEGIANCE
AND SUNG HER ANTHEM DEAR.

I'VE WEPT FOR FALLEN COMRADES
WHO PROUDLY FOUGHT AND DIED.
THE FREEDOMS THEY DEFENDED...
I CHERISH DEEP INSIDE.

I'M PROUD I'M AN AMERICAN.
FOR HER STRENGTH AND PEACE I PRAY.
THERE IS NO GREATER COUNTRY...
GOD BLESS THE USA!

BOAT LOAD of BOOZE RAFFLE

LAST MONTH TO SELL TICKETS

Drawing --July 16, 2024

1ST PLACE---BOAT PLUS 50 BOTTLES OF BOOZE

2ND PLACE---25 BOTTLES OF BOOZE

3RD thru 10TH PLACE---5 BOTTLES OF BOOZE

GOAL-- \$15,000- we need \$7,000

Team up-- Grab another Member or two and go out together. Go to anyplace where people gather. It's fun and when Marines team up--- they can not be beat !!!

Tell them Who we are-- Marine Corps League of Lake County.

What we will do with the money--100% to Veterans, their Widows and children.

Show them the Flyer--Explain how Wonderful people have Donated the Booze, the Boat and the Printing. Zero costs mean it all goes to the Vets.

Collect the money !!!

Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation

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President- Al Seyler

Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen

Secretary- Jerry Pedrin

Directors

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

Please sell Boat Load of Booze Tickets!!!

Please collect bottles of booze!!!

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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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Facebook:

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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:

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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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